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'Haunted' house will give you heebie-jeebies!

This average, small ranch house seems to have been turned into an insane asylum.

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Superintendent's report and COVID-19 response

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Last Wednesday night, the School Committee started their meeting with a single in person comment from Ursula Tasto before moving along to the Superintendent's Report.

In her comment, Tasto pleaded with the committee to consider options for young students that don't involve six hours in front of a screen every day, especially when they don't require extra work from teachers.

School Committee Chair Jenn Bryson then established that written comments will no longer be

read at their meetings, but any resident willing to comment in person may do so. They will only be allowed to enter the media room one at a time to make their comment.

The Superintendent's Report included updates the high needs student program, the MSBA application, and the revised school calendar. For high needs students, Dr. Glenn Brand explained that approximately 140 students have had in-person learning five days a week at the high school. He thanked all of the staff that it took to get them in and move their furniture and mate-

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School Committee gives school reopening update

By **LIZZY HILL**
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WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's school reopening update at the School Committee meeting last week covered everything from remote learning to the hybrid transition timeline. Wilmington parents and guardians were informed earlier that day that the date for the transition to hybrid learning has been postponed by nine days.

Brand started by giving accolades to all of the staff, students, and families who have been involved in remote learning efforts. He reported that the Family Resource Guide is available as support for students and families. His next item was an invitation for parents and guardians to a virtual open house in October. He also mentioned a plan to hold parent-teacher conferences virtually.

In technology, he said that 780 chrome books have been distributed to Wilmington students. He welcomed anyone still in need of one to send an email to the technology department. He added that the technology webpage has information for technical support and tips on things like how to use Google classroom and how to submit assignments.

Brand next explained that transportation plans are technically on hold but still have to be ready for the transition to hybrid. He said bus passes would be ready this week according to a pick-up schedule to be released.

The date he gave for bus routes to be posted was Oct. 8.

With CARES launching on the same day as the first day of school, Brand said they have more room for kindergarten and grades 2-5. He shared that CARES will continue to follow the district's learning model.

Another part of the report covered the start of "fall 1" sports: field hockey, soccer, cross country, and golf. Brand specified that game spectator limitations allow only one spectator per student athlete.

The update also included that Food Services has free meals for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from the high school for in-person learning and CARES, having provided over 220,000 meals so far. The health update highlighted upcoming flu clinics in town and current numbers of six students and three staff quarantined because of exposure outside of school.

In the three things keeping learning remote, Brand maintained that the merv-13 air filters the district ordered are expected to arrive by mid- to late-October. He also said he expects the results of the air quality and airflow assessments soon. This is different from an earlier third-party assessment that cleared all buildings for occupancy.

He reported negotiations with the Wilmington Teachers' Association are still in progress and private until the contract is completed. Finally, he mentioned a re-

maining 15 staff vacancies and the possibility of more.

The schedule for the transition to hybrid learning that he detailed is as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 16 is a regular remote learning day for all cohorts (except high needs students). There won't be school on Oct. 19 or 20 but these will count as work days for all teachers and staff. On the 21st, high needs students will return to their regular schools in person; kindergarten AM class will be in-person; and everyone else will have a remote learning day. This will also be the start of the cohort C remote program.

- Oct. 22 will be the first in-person day for all kindergarten students and cohort A grades 1, 4, 6, and 9-12. Then on Oct. 23, kindergarten will be in person along with cohort B grades 1, 4, 6, and 9-12. The first day that all grades will be hybrid for both cohorts is technically Oct. 26. The reason that grades 1, 4, and 6 are being prioritized within their cohorts, Brand said, is to help the students who'll be going to new schools for the first time.

While the district had previously said that family changes to their preferred learning model would be offered in October, Brand announced that instead changes will be held off until December. He shared how the organizing of classrooms and cohorts and protocols has been challenging, and this new timeline would allow all stu-

dents to try their official choice for at least a month before they decide to switch.

Brand's final update was about a virtual community forum coming up on Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. This will be a session where parents can have their questions and concerns answered live. He also said the FAQs are constantly monitored with questions sent to the people who can best answer them.

At the end of the update, School Committee member Jo Newhouse asked about extracurricular offerings. Brand said that there will be limitations on gatherings, but these activities can certainly resume with whatever staff are willing to offer them.

Glancing at the written public comments, Chair Jenn Bryson asked about what considerations are being made with regards to concerns about student screen time. Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott said the recommendation is for each structural block to start and end together, but students could disconnect in any downtime.

"Teachers are afraid that if students log off, they won't get them back on," she continued.

She recommended that parents reach out to their classroom teachers with any these concerns.

David Ragsdale clarified for everyone that the transition to hybrid is being delayed by nine more days.

"Families are trying to

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AdviniaCare treats 83 positive coronavirus patients, now has none

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington's AdviniaCare is no longer a COVID-19 treatment center and currently have zero positive cases. AdviniaCare Administrator John Benedetti shared how the facility has worked hard to protect their residents and

help them regain a sense of normalcy as they resume regular operations.

The nursing home first became a COVID-19 treatment facility in April in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, allowing seniors to be transferred from the hospital specifically for COVID recovery treatment.

"The state had asked us if we would help them and help alleviate the need for seniors to be treated in the hospital," Benedetti said.

The highest number of positive cases that he said they ever had at one time was 112.

Since April, 83 patients have recovered from the

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Wilmington Library News:

Merrimack Valley Library Con delivers spooky events all month long

Adult Programs

Healthy Body, Healthy Planet: The Power of a Plant-Based Diet

Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.
Certified Plant-Based Chef and former Food for Life instructor Tracie Hines will conduct an hour-long introduction to adopting a plant based diet. Research has shown that a plant based diet can prevent many chronic diseases; better yet, eating a plant-focused diet is an easy way to slash greenhouse gases, saving the Earth at the same time as saving your health. Resources and recipes will be shared.

Bestselling Author Series with Gregory Maguire

Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

Bestselling author Gregory Maguire will discuss the 25th Anniversary of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, and his latest book, *A Wild Winter Swan*, in this Zoom webinar. As he explores themes of class, isolation, family, and the dangerous yearning to be saved by a power greater than ourselves, Gregory Maguire conjures a haunting, beautiful tale of magical realism that illuminates one young woman's heartbreak and hope as she begins the inevitable journey to adulthood.

WCTV: Duke Ellington Celebration Concert

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Flutist Peter H. Bloom and pianist John Funkhouser salute the great Duke Ellington with an exuberant show including *Take the A Train*, *Cotton-tail*, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, and other Ellington classics. Both musicians are acclaimed jazz artists who perform widely in the U.S. and abroad. Shown live on WCTV on Comcast 9/ Verizon 37 and online at WCTV.org/live.

Novel Ideas

Fiction Book Group

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book, *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom.

Poetry Circle

Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9:15 a.m.

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at cwood@wilmlibrary.org.

Library on the Lawn

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Now only on Tuesdays! Would you like to browse and checkout books and DVDs? Be sure to stop by the front of the library to peruse carts of adult, teen, and children's materials.

Masks are required and we ask all to respect social distancing. This event will not take place during inclement weather.

One on One Virtual Tech Help with Brad

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
If you are having an issue with a piece of technology or have some questions about something before you go out and buy it, register for a one-on-one session with Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna.

Youth Programs

Hibernating Animals Scavenger Hunt

All month long!
Kids of all ages can look in store front windows as you drive or walk along Lowell and Main Street in Wilmington from I-93 on Lowell Street up and into the Burlington Avenue/Church Street intersection on Main Street. There will be signs, with 10 different animals on them, hiding in 10 different store windows! Use the Beanstack app to track the creatures you've found! Prizes are available for kids who find 6 or more animals.

Kindergarten Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m.
Calling all kindergartners! Join us for a virtual book club for kindergartners who miss storytime or those who love to be read to. We will read, talk about a few books and do a virtual activity.

Outdoor Baby Times

at Yentile Farm

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Join us at Yentile Farm for a fun program of songs, rhymes, and picture books for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers. Siblings are welcome to attend — please include in registration.

Spider & Web Pumpkins Crafternoon

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 3:45 p.m.

Register to reserve your take-home kit to pick up via curbside the week of the session, and join Britany for a Zoom tutorial on day of the program!

Transform plastic pumpkins into a spooky spider and its web with acrylic paint, wire, googly eyes, and washi tape. All supplies provided except for scissors and glue. Grades 4-8.

Mindfulness for Children (and their caregivers)

Friday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

The class, led by Sheryl White, is designed to practice mindfulness with the children and adults virtually, while modeling for the adults how to get the children to be more aware and in the present moment. Mindfulness can help children increase their attention span, focus and concentration, improve memory, better social functioning, self-esteem, reduces stress, and can improve relationships with parents. In the virtual class there are simple

and fun activities to encourage mindfulness and relaxation so that everyone can see it in action. The instructor uses a bag of props to engage in sensory activities to help practice being more present. (Ages 3-6)

D&D

Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Michaela for a virtual campaign via Zoom. (Grades 6-8)

Zombie Makeup Demo with Maggie

Saturday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m.

Maggie is back to demonstrate how to achieve a ghoulish zombie look with makeup just in time for Halloween! Maggie will use affordable makeup found at seasonal Halloween stores and the Dollar Store.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. (Ages 3-5)

Time for Twos

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

Baby Time

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies

under the age of two years and their caregivers.

Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door Outside Sale

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door will be open Saturday, Oct. 10 for an outside sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Wednesday, Oct. 14. One bag or one box of donations will be accepted during the sale hours. All proceeds benefit WML.

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Patrons may make an appointment for a 50 minute session to browse on the first floor, use the copier/ FAX machine, or visit the Youth Services Department. Reservations may be made online or by calling the library at 978-658-2967. Per the Governor's directive, all patrons over the age of two are required to wear masks while in the library. Patrons will also be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. Patrons can also continue to utilize curbside service Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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140 students have had in-person learning five days a week

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rials to the high school from the seven other schools.

Beyond the fact that the MSBA Application decision has been delayed, the superintendent shared a change to the school calendar for the staff development day on Nov. 3 to be moved to Oct. 20. Oct. 19 will also be a work day for staff but not a school day. Brand said that the reason for these changes is to help create more time for staff and students to transition into the hybrid model during that week in October, as it may take several days of preparation for all eight buildings to be ready. The revisions were unanimously approved.

An important item under new business was a joint effort between Nursing Director Doreen Crowe and Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse on the district's protocols for responding to COVID-19 scenarios. Crowe explained that a combination of strategies is required to create a culture of health between requirements at school like physical distancing, recommending that students and staff stay home if they don't feel well, and robust communication from the district.

Following the requirements for a positive test, students or staff must stay home for at least 10 days and go 24 hours without a fever before they

can return to school. They also have to notify the school and close contacts and answer the call from the BOH.

There are additional requirements for what things must be specified by the district in relaying that a student or staff member has tested positive.

For the identified close contacts, they recommend a COVID test in Massachusetts and quarantine prior to testing and while awaiting the results. Contacts should still quarantine for 14 days and communicate the results to the school even if the test is negative. The reason that positive students only need to quarantine for 10 days and negative for 14

days is because, according to Newhouse, that a positive test means they have already been exposed to the virus for at least four days. She said it's also possible for the virus to present itself in 14-day quarantine after a negative test.

There are guidelines for if students and staff are symptomatic at home, if students are symptomatic before they board the bus, and if they're symptomatic at school. Should there be enough cases in a school or the district, there is even protocol on deciding whether to move specific schools or the whole district to remote learning. Concerns from the committee members included flu season com-

ing up and contact tracing communications.

The committee went on vote in favor of recycling surplus equipment once they confirmed that said equipment is broken and inoperable.

They also received a personnel update from Human Resources Director Andrea Stern-Armstrong. She shared that a lot of the openings are at the Shawsheen Street School and the middle school, mainly for special education and educational assistants. She assured the committee they're being aggressive with job postings and moving as quickly as possible, but some of the applicants simply aren't strong candidates.

Director of Administra-

tion and Finance Paul Ruggerio next spoke to the fiscal year 2022 draft budget that is currently in progress. He also said that the 2020 and 2021 fiscal year budgets are also open. The School Committee then approved the student activity accounts which include the class of 2023.

M.J. Byrnes added at the end of all the agenda items that she expects a resolution to come their way about Massachusetts Education Commissioner Jeff Riley's efforts to have students take the MCAS this spring.

The School Committee will next meet on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the WHS media room.

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by Todd BrisboisTIPS FOR TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE
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AdviniaCare helped treat COVID patients

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coronavirus at Advinia Care, said spokesperson Alex Villanueva. Villanueva described how all coronavirus positive patients were treated in the isolated unit for recovery care.

"They had already made it past the most difficult stages of the virus," he said.

Some of the care given to these patients includes oxygen management, monitoring of symptoms, vital signs, and fluid intake, and anything else following

CDC and DPH guidelines.

While they're no longer accepting seniors just in need of COVID treatment, Benedetti explained that the facility will continue to accept new COVID positive residents. They currently have zero positive cases.

"There has been some misconception in the industry where some people think, 'if I go into a nursing facility, I'll catch COVID,'" Benedetti continued. "The bottom line is: we have systems and processes to keep people safe."

New residents will be

tested for COVID, quarantined for 14 days, monitored for symptoms, and provided whatever PPE they need in the process. They also regularly test everyone in-house.

AdviniaCare's policies have been updated according to the state's guidelines so as to help their 65 residents find a "new normal." The visitation policy has expanded to include virtual and now outdoor visits in coordination with the DPH, although they haven't allowed indoor visits which were also approved. Benedetti also mentioned that the dining room and salon have been reopened for residents who are willing to socially distance.

Another consideration

that helps residents feel safe is making sure that all 114 staff members are given the PPE and trainings that they need in order to connect with the residents. Not only does he see that residents are adjusting well and making connections, he also sees that the staff truly feels called to help others and confident in their ability to do so.

"There is a deep bond that our staff form with residents," he added. "This is their home. They become family."

Benedetti feels they're fully ready for more residents to make their home at AdviniaCare for whatever end-of-life care that they need because of the high level of comfort and care that staff is able to provide.

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Town trying to get
children back in school

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plan their lives around difficult circumstances," he said. "Our absolute priority is to get kids into buildings as soon as we possibly can. I acknowledge that this is very disappointing."

Finally, Bryson asked what parents should do if they feel their students' support services needs aren't being met and the answer given was to reach out to the service provider, the principal, or the officer of student support services.

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON
Founder of the Town Crier

History:

The night the lights went on in Wilmington

In Dec. 1912, Arthur Sias reported to the Reading Municipal Light Dept. that he had installed electric light poles on practically every street in Wilmington. The installation cost \$17,162.29 providing 68 homes with electric service, and a total of 1,142 lamps. There were 200 street lights of 32 candlepower.

Sias had been working on the project for about 18 months. Very well-liked, he was remembered by one old-timer as "a saint." He lived in Reading.

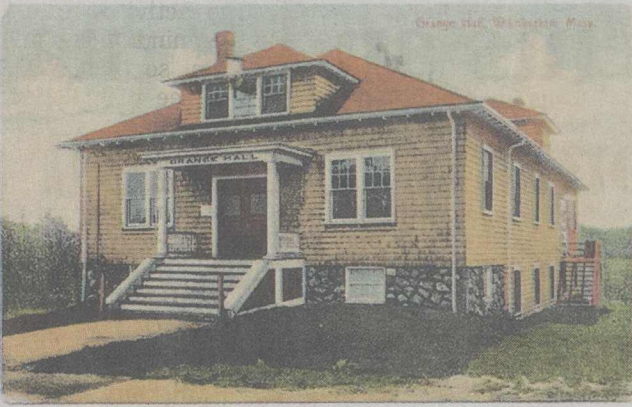
Of course, there were no Christmas lights in those days. In fact, there were only a few Christmas trees in Wilmington, among the Germans and Scandinavians. The greatest proportion of the population was yankee, with the Irish and French Canadians in large numbers for that day and age, and none of these bothered with Christmas trees.

And even though there were street lights in all parts of town, most houses were still lit by oil lamps, for electricity was 15 cents a kilowatt hour. It was cheaper to go down to Charley Hudson's store once a month and buy a gallon or two of kerosene.

Charley would dole out the kerosene and then go back to cutting meat, without bothering to wash his hands, but no one ever complained about the taste of coal-oil in their dinners. Either he had a secret or else people believed that kerosene improved the taste.

It was in the summer of 1910 that agitation began for electric lights. The town hadn't been devoid of power, for there was a street-car line, 16 years old, which provided power for the fire-whistle air pump in the Town Hall. There were also six telephones, and five railroad stations each had an electric telegraph.

Schamiel MacIntosh, Fred Roberts and Dudley Purbeck were the prime movers for electric service. Schamiel was a big man, a blacksmith. He had lost his blacksmith



◀ Grange Hall, Wilmington, built 1911, destroyed 1970
(Courtesy of Ernie Botte, Wilmingtonusa)

the late spring of 1911.

Sias and his crew began on Lowell Street and soon had lights in Wilmington Square. As they proceeded down Church Street, they were racing against time. Wilmington's amateur theatrical group, the CC Club, was to put on a play in the spanking-new Grange Hall on Wildwood Street. Would the play be put on using oil lights, or would there be electric lights?

The hall was already wired for electricity. All that was needed was the juice from those wires coming down Church Street.

At 7 p.m. on the night of the play, Sias and his crew were busy putting up a transformer at Adams and Church streets. From there on, the poles were in place, but with no cross arms.

The cast went down for a look, and Sias told them he would try.

The curtain was due to be pulled at 8 p.m. Would it be to oil lamps or electric lights? At 7:50 p.m., the hall was in

silence. The suspense of the moment eclipsed any anticipation of the play.

The electric crew didn't bother with the cross arms. They just strung up the wires, from pole to pole. At 7:50 p.m., they connected the wires to the Grange Hall wiring.

Everyone yelled and cheered. Of those present, nobody was able to remember what the play was about. But no one ever forgot that the lights came on at 7:50 p.m.

Sias and his crew completed the job of bringing power to Wilmington about one year later.

shop, livery stable, wagon shop and paint shop in a big fire in 1903.

When he rebuilt, he opened a hardware store and forge, that eventually became Church Street Hardware. He was named after a ship that his father had commanded prior to the Civil War.

Fred Roberts was a prosperous candy manufacturer who had just finished a big stone mansion on Burlington Avenue.

Dudley Purbeck was the Town Moderator, purported to be the richest man in town. He lived in a big house on Lake Street.

There were three principal occupations for Wilmington men in 1912. A man could farm, he could work for the railroad, or he could work in Harriman's Tannery.

Schamiel passed the word among the railroad men that he wanted flares, 20-minute signal flares. The railroad accountants must have wondered about the sudden increase in flares, as Schamiel ended up with dozens of boxes.

There was a special Town Meeting in the fall of 1910, to see if the town would vote to enter into a contract with Reading for electricity for 10 years. It was for that meeting that the three men were working.

A parade was organized from the Square to the Town Hall. It started from Schamiel's forge and marched down Church Street, just about

dusk. Schamiel, Fred and Dudley, each in a dress suit, led the parade, each carrying a lantern. They were accompanied by a goat, owned by Schamiel. Behind them was a motley band, playing discordant music, and then came a crowd of men and boys, each carrying two lighted flares, with a half-dozen more in reserve.

Arriving at the Town Hall, Dudley led the parade inside, boys included, and then called the Town Meeting to order.

It seems that there were only three men present who were not in the parade. Arthur Sias was one. He was there to tell people that there was no danger in the electric lights. His support wasn't needed.

The other two men, both of whom voted "No" were Otis Gowing and Warren Eames.

Otis — known as Ote, one syllable — was the last of his family to live in the old Gowing farm on Park Street. He told the gathering that only immoral people go out after dark, and that God-fearing people were home in bed.

Warren Eames lived beside the Town Hall. He said that his grandfather didn't need electric lights, and he didn't either.

But they were outvoted, decisively. The next spring, Reading's Town Meeting voted to extend electric light service to Wilmington. Arthur Sias started to work in

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All proceeds from the patches will go to the Hope and Friendship Metastatic Breast Cancer Foundation, a Wilmington based organization.

For more information, please contact Officer Goodwin at kgoodwin@wpd.org.



Three students attend Lasell Univ.

NEWTON — Three local residents became new students at Lasell University.

• Shawn Guiney, a resident of Wilmington, will study Com-

munication.

• Jacob Figueroa of Tewksbury will study Criminal Justice

• Sarah Milne of Tewksbury

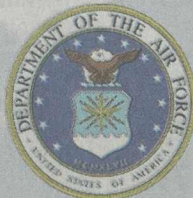
will study Event Management

More than 370 new students joined the Lasell community in September for the fall semester.

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OPINION



Letter to the editor

Accident, homophobic slur angers resident

To the editor,
Over the last seven months, people have made an effort to appreciate one another more and recognize the injustices around and make an effort to correct them. But on Saturday, Oct. 3, I witnessed an incident that outraged me and left me unable to understand how a person could treat another in such a manner.

I live on Clark St. where people travel at a high rate of speed and there are often accidents. My neighbor was driving toward Church Street with a long line of traffic behind him and he stopped to take a left turn into his driveway. Because of the traffic, he and the line behind him had to wait.

Within that line of traffic was a young person on a scooter and an impatient man in a SUV. The impatient man drove around two cars, not wanting to wait, and caused the person on the scooter to have a minor crash. Four vehicles stopped.

I ran out of my house and my neighbor ran from his driveway. The impatient driver drove next to the scooter and started yelling at the young person. He didn't ask if he was alright

or apologize for his inconsiderate and illegal driving maneuver.

Everyone else was asking the scooter driver if they were OK and if they needed the police or an ambulance, which were declined. Then the SUV driver called the scooter driver a homophobic slur and a few other inappropriate things.

This incident had now turned into a hate crime. I can't imagine how this young person must have felt driving their new vehicle and then being assaulted physically and verbally. The driver of the SUV drove off, speeding of course.

None of the witnesses got a complete plate number but the police were called. The young person said they were OK and rode off, but I know I was not OK. I wish I had gotten the license plate. I hope the driver of the SUV is reading this now.

No one can drive the way they want and hurt people and damage property without consequences. No one can use words that are equivalent to a crime. That's the kind of hate that is destroying our community, country and world.

Wanda McLaren
Wilmington

Parents and teenagers need communication around the coronavirus pandemic

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Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

Parents have always worked hard to guide our teenagers through some difficult years and experiences but the test now during the pandemic has become more intense to say the least.

Many of you are sensitive to the news stories of school districts that had to change in-school educational programs to remote, following a weekend social gathering in many suburban communities. The real sad part of this is that I always wonder how many participants in these parties understand what they are getting into by attending such a gathering.

I know I am expecting a great deal but what strikes me is open communications with listening parents at home could render some sage advice to teens if the information on attending such a party is discussed at home before such an event. One of my hopes is that a sense of open communication between parents and teenage sons and daughters can be a solid source

of advice in decisions to attend an event, party, game, etc.

Parents have been through a great deal in their lives, not a pandemic but other situations where they had to practice common sense and learn from one's life experiences. I find parents will always try to give the very best advice when asked. In fact, let me add that they would be glad to be asked their opinion.

Yes, there are some basic needs in these times for attending any social event such as wearing masks, maintaining proper distance and knowing the size and location of the event. If these guidelines are not being followed, the event may look questionable.

Reader's update

We have two updates to report on the Horn Pond, Woburn column. First, was the popular Winchester photographer and former Town Park Commissioner "Bill" Ryerson who reported his understanding that the Merrimack River had a different course than the one we now know.

Bill said the theory he has is that the Merrimack River came down from

New Hampshire in a southern direction but was blocked by silt from the melting ice and took a turn more to the east in the present Billerica area, bringing it's waters to Newburyport. Way underground the old course of the river still flowed to the Atlantic. Bill gave credit to the Winchester water department who gave Bill the story 60 years ago.

The second response came from Denis L. Maher who commented that "Horn Pond, Mystic Lakes and Fresh Pond were formed by the ancient Merrimack River. It flowed into Boston Harbor approximately where the Neponset River does now."

You may remember the popular name "Maher" as a fine local Woburn family that operated a large business in the area, including water wells.

Thanks to both responders for bringing some added light to the column.

Just a note

First my thanks for your reactions to the recent column as we still combat the pandemic. Feel free to e-mail me at andrews@massupt.org but first we have some Morning Pulse

extractions to give you that will hopefully make your day including the following: Employees who overpay for health insurance tend to under-save for retirement; Parents leery of paying full college tuition for virtual learning; Benefits of in-person education greatly top COVID-19 risks; Now is the time for banks to focus on their customers' financial wellbeing; De Blasio (NY Mayor) says early retirement incentives should be considered for NYC employees facing potential layoffs; Commercial real estate flounders as housing market booms; Climate change is killing the farm belt; As higher education opens its doors so do new COVID-19 cases; Hospitalizations steady despite rising COVID-19 cases; Employers hold the key to Financial well-being in the age of COVID-19; US Secret Service tracking millions in stolen coronavirus small business loans; Florida's rural real estate is booming amid COVID-19 pandemic; Americans who can afford to hoard cash are waiting for a vaccine to spend it and Americans are raiding retirement savings during coronavirus pandemic.

Wilmington changes polling locations to Shriners Auditorium

WILMINGTON — In light of the social distancing requirements imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting challenges of accommodating voters in customary voting locations, voters in ALL precincts who choose to vote in person on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, will vote at: Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington.

The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The combined total area of the three usual polling locations is approximately 7,500 sq. ft. Taking social distancing norms into consideration, in order to keep voters and election staff safe, this limitation

would allow no more than eight voting booths in each precinct.

Shriners Auditorium contains more than 37,000 sq. ft, which is more than seven times the total area of the three usual locations. This extra space will allow for set up in each precinct of 16 voting booths, all properly distanced at six feet apart.

The 16 booths double the capacity of voters who will be allowed to vote at one time in each precinct, thus reducing or eliminating the need for voters to stand in line. This will move voters into and out of the polling location more quickly.

If lines do form, the au-

ditorium offers ample room for voters to queue up six feet apart, inside, in the event of inclement weather.

There is ample parking available, and convenient, handicapped accessible parking at the rear of the building. There will be multiple entrances and exits, and good ventilation to keep the air moving inside the auditorium.

Motorized scooters and wheelchairs will be available for voters who need them, and should voters have to park at a distance from the entrance, golf carts will be available to shuttle them to and from the entrances.

For voters who prefer not

to vote in person on election day, alternatives exist. The Office of Town Clerk is offering in person early voting for ALL precincts at the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, daily from Oct. 17 through Oct. 30, 2020.

The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday - Sunday, Oct. 17 - 18: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday - Wednesday, Oct. 19 - 21: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 22: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 23: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: 2 to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m.

- to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Wednesday - Friday, Oct. 28 - 30: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The second alternative is to early vote by mail. Applications for a mailed ballot must be received in the Office of Town Clerk by Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 at 5 p.m. Voters may return their completed

ballots by mail, or by placing them directly into the Town Hall Drop Slot, located next to the Town Hall front door at 121 Glen Road, Wilmington.

Further information is available on the Town Clerk's page of the Town of Wilmington website at www.wilmingtonma.gov or by calling the Office of Town Clerk at 978-658-2030.

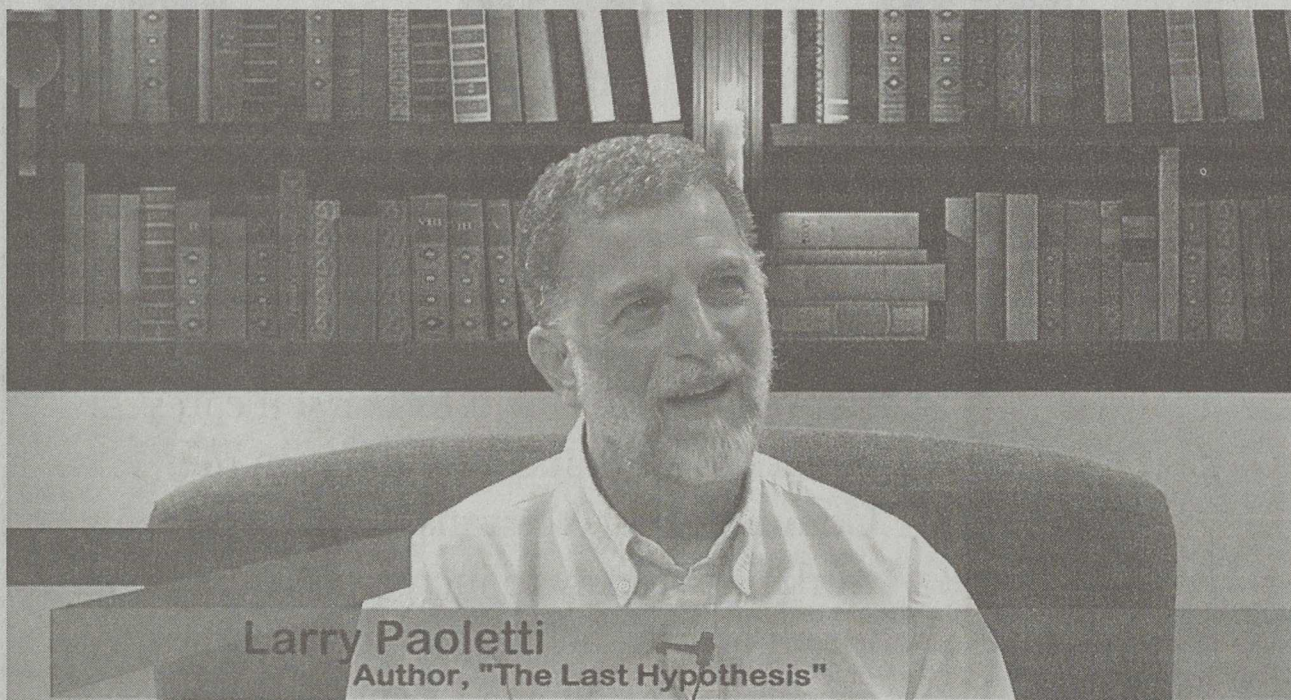
~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Don't forget to use the Pink Bag for recycling textiles and clothes. Put soiled, torn or worn sheets, towels, blankets and clothes in your pink bag and place next to your toter on recycling day.

No Horribles Parade this year

WILMINGTON — Due to the restrictions on large gatherings during the pandemic, the Horribles Parade will not be able to be held this year. However, the Director

of Public Health has allowed for trick-or-treating, at the discretion of each family. Please maintain social distances, wear masks and sanitize before and afterwards.



Larry Paoletti
Author, "The Last Hypothesis"

▲ Wilmington's own Dr. Larry Paoletti on the October Book Stew episode.

(Courtesy photo)

Writing like a snowflake

When Wilmington resident Dr. Larry Paoletti lost funding for his lab, he didn't lose his sense of curiosity. Remembering that one of his own college professors had admired his writing skills, Larry went from teaching at Harvard Medical School to becoming a student, discovering "The Snowflake Method," an effective method for novel writing.

His first book, "The Last Hypothesis," explores the 97 percent of our brains that have not yet been mapped by scientists. Eileen MacDougall, Book Stew

host, explores Larry's interest in telepathy in the October Book Stew episode.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand:

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"I would like to thank the residents and businesses of Massachusetts for doing their part in fighting COVID-19. Your care and concern, not only for your family and fellow workers, but for others is truly appreciated."

"As you start to get back to into normal routines, (which feels really good.) Bring your kids to youth sporting activities. To visit retail stores, go to restaurants with friends and family. I just ask that you do what you can, to support your local community and support your businesses."

"Our commonwealth is made up terrific cities and towns. They're vibrant. They're beautiful. They are our homes. Our main streets and downtowns have looked very different in these couple of months. But as we reopen and we restart our economy. It is important that we continue to build strong communities. Buy local, support local and visit local are all things that we can incorporate into our new activities."



– Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. June 6, 2020

Baker-Polito Administration announces third annual statewide STEM Week

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that the third annual STEM Week will take place this year from Oct. 19-23 through a mix of virtual and in-person events, lessons, speaker panels, and design challenges, all adapted for the new school and work environments as the Commonwealth continues to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Administration encourages teachers and employers to develop new and creative ways to host STEM Week events to highlight opportunities that exist in science, technology, engineering and math.

"This year made it abundantly clear how important STEM professions are to all our lives, and we hope that more young people will explore the opportunities that exist in STEM fields and pursue those careers that benefit us all," said Governor Charlie Baker.

"Across our Commonwealth, nurses and doctors are saving lives, scientists are working furiously to develop a vaccine, and advanced manufacturers quickly shifted gears to produce personal protective equipment," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Co-Chair of the STEM Advisory Council. "Battling COVID-19 highlighted how crucial the need is for young people to study science, technology, engineering and math, and our administration remains committed to paving pathways to STEM careers and education for students in and out of the classroom."

STEM Week is a collaborative effort between the Executive Office of Education; the STEM Advisory Council, which works to generate interest and support from the business community for STEM Week activities and is co-chaired by Lt. Governor Polito, Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III and Vertex Pharmaceuticals Executive Chairman Jeffrey Leiden; and the Commonwealth's nine Regional STEM Networks, which plan and coordinate activities with local school communities, community leaders and business partners.

"Since the Baker-Polito Administration launched STEM Week two years ago, tens of thousands of students of all ages in every region of the Commonwealth have participated in engaging, challenging, and fun learning experiences to help get them hooked on STEM," said Secretary of Education James Peyser. "Notwithstanding this year's unique circumstances, the STEM Council and STEM

educators are committed to sustaining the momentum with exciting activities, both online and in-person."

"Getting kids hooked on science is all about creating fun, hands-on experiences where they can explore these topics in the real world alongside scientists and mentors," said Jeffrey Leiden, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Chairman of Vertex. "Those experiences might look different during a pandemic, but as leaders and educators, we have an opportunity to innovate in how we deliver them to students. At Vertex, we created an all-virtual summer internship experience for our Boston Public School partners, and we'll continue to work with the community to ensure students — particularly women and those who are underrepresented in STEM — have the opportunities they need to succeed."

"Rebuilding our economy, health care system and society in the wake of this pandemic will require a new generation of workers with experience in STEM fields," said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. "Students in virtual or physical STEM classrooms today will lead our recovery in the months and years ahead, and we need to support them in any way possible."

Strengthening STEM education in the Commonwealth's K-12 schools is a priority of the Baker-Polito Administration. The STEM Advisory Council is appointed by the Governor and includes education and business leaders in STEM industries that work to promote STEM education, partnerships among industries and schools, and internships for students.

In Massachusetts, more than 40 percent of all employment revolves around STEM innovation industries such as clean energy, information technology, defense and advanced manufacturing.

This year, the STEM Advisory Council is coordinating with seven organizations across the state to offer options for STEM-focused Design Challenges. Design Challenges include:

Kids In Tech: Cybersecurity — Keeping Our Networks Secure Challenge: A STEM Week Challenge for students in grades K-5, 6-8, and high school. Kids in Tech asks students to think their way through standards-based activities to consider how the internet works and how they can use the internet safely. By participating in puzzle-solving games, students will explore how individuals can use the in-

ternet to obtain information and how they can make sure their personal information is safe.

Museum of Science — Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals: To allow educators and students to see themselves in STEM, the Museum of Science, and EIE, an award-winning leader in Pre-K-8 curriculum, have developed three engineering design challenges to share with educators and students across Massachusetts. These activities engage learners in standards-based design challenges to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>).

Gale Force Education — Power Grid Explorations: This challenge will bring the excitement of power engineering to high school students, wherever they are. Life may not seem normal right now, but electricity is flowing and the lights are on — thanks to the power grid. Students will explore the grid and how it works through a hands-on design challenge designing generators, model houses and a mini power grid.

FitMoney — STEM Business Plan Challenge: STEM and financial literacy are critical components of a quality education as today's students prepare to become the innovators, entrepreneurs and job-creators of tomorrow. The FitMoney team has created a design challenge that gives middle school students the opportunity to think critically and create solutions to address issues students face today. Through a socially conscious lens, students will design a product, and produce, market and sell their product, learning the critical elements to starting a business venture.

MIND Research Institute in partnership with STMath — Math Maker Project — Play, Create, Share: This STEM Week Challenge was developed by the New England Aquarium, One8 Foundation and Mass STEM Hub, and MIND Research Institute, creators of ST Math! Students in grades K-5 will promote math learning and connect with families virtually. The entire project is built around games and stories with historical significance and is designed to develop students' creative problem-solving capacity as they create their own math game — one that drives math knowledge and meaningful connections.

WPI STEM Education Center — I Am STEM, STEM I Am!: This challenge (for PK-5 students)

focuses on solving problems in books and is designed to empower students to become proud problem solvers. All lessons are aligned with grade-level ELA and math /STE standards, can be done in the classroom or remotely, and use everyday & recyclable materials. Free online professional development sessions are available between 9/8 – 10/17, guiding teachers on the problem-solving process, online tools, and trying out a lesson with colleagues. The I am STEM lesson library will be available to all educators before, during, and after STEM Week.

Wade Institute for Science Ed — National Marine Life Center — Survivor Island Challenge: The Survivor Island Challenge will provide students with a unique experience that integrates science concepts and the engineering design process in an exciting way. The Challenge? "You have been stranded on a deserted island and the only source of freshwater is quite a distance from your encampment. You must find a way to move water to the encampment and then filter it to make it safe to drink." Teachers will receive a curriculum guide and support from the three sponsoring organizations. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual "challenge showcase" on the last day of STEM week. Teachers participating in the pre-challenge teacher workshop will receive a kit of materials to help their students "See themselves in STEM."

During STEM Week, members of the Baker-Polito Administration and the STEM Advisory Council will virtually visit classrooms and other school and business-related STEM activities that showcase successful programs and raise awareness about developments in STEM education and the STEM workforce. Last October, the Administration held the second annual STEM Week in collaboration with schools, non-profit organizations, colleges, museums, and business partners, where more than 1,000 events took place that engaged over 10,000 students from pre-kindergarten through college.

Learn more about regional events managed by the Regional STEM Networks across the Commonwealth in collaboration with local museums, non-profit organizations, schools, and local business partners at www.massstemweek.org.

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Two juveniles charged with firearms offenses following Wakefield shooting

WAKEFIELD — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Wakefield Chief of Police Steven Skory have confirmed that a 17-year-old male juvenile from Wakefield and a 16-year-old male from Lynn have been charged with firearms offenses in connection with the non-fatal shooting of a 21-year-old female that occurred last week in Wakefield.

The 17-year-old has been charged with possession of a firearm without an FID Card, possession of ammunition without an FID Card, receiving a firearm with a defaced serial number and possession of a large capacity feeding device.

The 16-year-old has been charged with carrying a firearm without a license and carrying a loaded firearm without a license.

At approximately 3:39 a.m. on Sept. 22, 2020, Wakefield Police responded to the Everly Apartments complex parking garage located on Audubon Road for a report of

a victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The victim, a 21-year-old female, was located in the driver's seat of a Honda CRV with a gunshot wound to her neck area. The victim was transported to an area hospital where she remains hospitalized.

The two juveniles charged in connection with the shooting were located on the scene. The preliminary investigation suggests that the two juveniles were in the victim's presence shortly before the shooting and that they both were in illegal possession of separate firearms.

The 17-year-old was arraigned in the Cambridge Juvenile Court, the 16-year-old was expected to be arraigned. Juvenile proceedings are closed to the public.

The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assault with a firearm that resulted in the victim being struck remains open and ongoing.

Electronic and Appliance Recycling Day in North Reading on Oct. 24

NORTH READING — Come to the Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in North Reading at the Order of the Eastern Star — Mount Carmel Chapter No 230, 283 Park St. North Reading, on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Small electronics items: computer towers, scanners, VCR, printers, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment, lighting, vacuum, answering machine, fax, speakers, compact disc,

circuit boards, radios, record players, modems, word processor, fans, video equipment, game console (XBOX, etc.) tape players, typewriters (anything with a plug and more)... \$5 each.

Appliances: dishwasher, dryer, stove: \$20; microwave: \$10 (small), \$20 (large).

Lawn mowers, ex. equipment: \$10, Snow blowers: \$20.

TV's and monitors/flat

panel monitors: Up to 18": \$15 each. 19" - 26": \$20.00 each. 27" - 35": \$25 each, over 35" Projection TV: \$40 each.

AC, dehumidifier: \$20; refrigerators: \$20 (dorm) \$40 (large).

Grill: \$20; empty propane tank: \$10.; ex. equipment: \$10; weight sets: \$10

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Loretta R. 'Laura' Cairra

Founded Wilmington Sons of Italy in 1967

Loretta R. "Laura" Cairra, 95, the much loved and widely admired matriarch of a large Wilmington family, died at her home in Wilmington on Oct. 3, 2020 enveloped in the loving arms of her family.

She was the beloved wife of the late Aldo A. Cairra, former National President of the Order Sons of Italy in America and a long time Wilmington public official.

Cairra was born in Newton, the youngest of 12 children to Felice and Lucrezia Bianchi. She graduated from Newton High School in 1943.

She met her future husband, Aldo, who was also from Newton, upon his return from military service in 1946. Despite knowing he was a Yankees fan, she agreed to a first date at Fenway Park.

They married in 1947 and soon thereafter she converted him to the Red Sox! One bright spot to the Red Sox 2020 season was a video scoreboard and broadcast tribute by Jerry Remy, her favorite player, honoring her lifetime support for the team.

Laura and Aldo moved from Newton to Wilmington with their growing family in 1958. Laura was actively involved in the activities of her five children and willingly opened her home and her heart to their friends. She delighted in the births of her 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, rarely missing an opportunity to attend their games, recitals, concerts, plays, award and graduation ceremonies, and a myriad of other activities.

Her most enjoyment, however, came from cooking homemade meals and feeding her family and their friends. Everyone eagerly awaited her all too familiar inquiry, "Seconds?"

Her contribution to her community was most exemplified by her active membership in the charitable, cultural and social programs of the Order Sons of Italy in America. She was a member for 67 years, initially in Newton and later in both Winchester and Wilmington.

She was instrumental in her husband's success as he rose through the ranks of the Order. She quickly cap-

tivated members throughout the country in her role as both State and National First Lady with her gracious demeanor and her countless acts of kindness. She was equally at ease whether helping out at a local lodge supper or attending a White House State Dinner, as she did with her husband when President and Mrs. Reagan honored the Prime Minister of Italy.

Laura's greatest achievements as a member were with her home lodge in Wilmington, which she founded in 1967. She has been the guiding force of the Wilmington Sons of Italy, spearheading countless projects and programs which have helped raise and distribute nearly \$2 million for community, scholarship and charitable endeavors.

Her dedication and unflinching commitment to the service of others was formally recognized in 2004 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Laura was presented with the Golden Lion Award, the most prestigious award given to a member.

Laura was a welcome and familiar presence in the Wilmington community. She served nearly 50 years as an election official, greeting countless voters at the Wildwood School. She volunteered at the Wilmington schools into her 80's, was an active member of the Wilmington Senior Center and a faithful parishioner of St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

This past July, the community celebrated her 95th birthday with a 60 vehicle caravan led by the Police and Fire Departments. She was recognized by the Governor, both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature and the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

Laura will be remembered for her boundless energy, her engaging personality and for her generosity and kindness. Laura was much loved and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her devoted children, Michele Cairra Nortonen, Michael and Jane Cairra, Aldo Jr. and Sharon Cairra, Kevin and Cheryl Cairra, all of Wilmington and Kenneth and Marianne Cairra of Pelham NH.

Adored grandmother of



Jennifer and Christian Bolanos, Angela Cairra, Michael Jr. and Kristen Cairra, Brian and Amanda Cairra, Sara-Jean and James Phillips, Brianne Cairra, Jeffrey Cairra, Joseph and Katherine Cairra, Aldo Cairra III and Gabrielle D'Entremont, Mark Cairra, Amy Cairra and David Cairra.

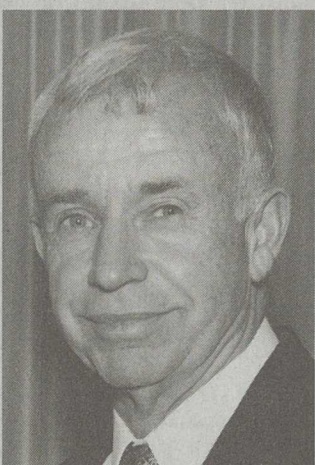
Special GiGi to Christian Jr., Allison and Samantha Bolanos, Caroline and Anna Cairra, Jude Phillips and Lucy Cairra.

Laura was especially excited to welcome her 8th great grandchild, Jacoby, at the end of this month. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Rita Coppola of Newton, her goddaughter Patricia Walsh of West Roxbury, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours that will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020 from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, in St. Thomas of Villanova Church at 10 a.m.

Laura was a woman of extraordinary faith. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to: Catholic TV, PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut St., Watertown, MA 02471 or to: St. Thomas Church of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington MA 01887. Please observe all social distancing protocols; masks must be worn. Arrangements by the Dello Russo Family Funeral Service of Wilmington.

To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net



John J. Dineen, Jr.

Electrician with IBEW Union Local 103

John J. Dineen, Jr. a longtime resident of Wilmington, formerly of Cambridge passed away peacefully at his home Sept. 30, 2020, following a lengthy illness. He was 81 years of age.

John was the beloved husband of the late Carole A. (Zagami) Dineen. Born in Cambridge, John was the son of the late John J. and Mary (Cronin) Dineen Sr.

John was raised and educated in Cambridge. He attended Boston College High School and graduated from Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School.

John was a retired electrician and was a proud member of the IBEW Union Local 103 of Boston.

John had a strong Catholic faith and enjoyed attending church regularly. He also enjoyed the outdoors; he could always be seen walking around town, and loved spending time at Revere Beach and York Beach in Maine.

John was an animal lover and over the years he loved

caring for his pet dogs.

John had a wonderful group of neighbors that he was very friendly with and would socialize with often. However, his greatest joy was his family and nothing gave him more joy than being surrounded by those he loved.

John is survived by his devoted daughters, Kimberly Dalton and her husband Richard of Lynnfield and Kelly Dineen of Methuen.

He was the loving grandfather of Taylor Soto and her husband Jason of Saugus, Richard Maynard and his wife Nicole of Rye, NH, and Savanna Dalton of Lynnfield.

Loving great-grandfather of Chase Warner, Alyssia Soto, Justin and Ava Maynard.

Brother of Kevin Dineen of Cambridge, William Dineen and his wife Joanne of Franklin. Cherished uncle of Shauna Dineen of Franklin, and Erin Trainor and her husband Rich of Lunenburg.

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In keeping with John's wishes and due to the current health pandemic funeral services were held privately. It has been requested that contributions in John's memory may be made to the MSPCA Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Arrangements by the Dello Russo Family Funeral Service of Wilmington.

To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net

Mary Ann (Martin) Marks

Spent four decades working as a nurse

Mary Ann (Martin) Marks of Lowell, formerly of North Reading and Wilmington, died on Sept. 30, 2020 with her children by her side after a short illness. She was 65 years old.

Born in Woburn on Oct. 16, 1954, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Frances (Machiesky) Martin. Mary was raised in Wilmington and was a graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1974.

After high school, Mary attended the Licensed Practical Nursing program at the Tewksbury Hospital School of Practical Nursing, graduating in 1976. Mary's career as a nurse spanned nearly four decades, mostly working at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

She frequently received compliments about the compassionate way she cared for the residents and often brought them candy or gifts to brighten their day.

Mary's Catholic faith became stronger as she grew older; she prayed often and would also send Mass cards to anyone in need.

In her free time, Mary enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, cross-

words, true crime television shows, and reading — Stephen King, James Patterson, and the National Enquirer were her favorites.

She loved to laugh and often found humor where others did not. Mary loved to eat sweets and especially enjoyed candy and chocolates.

Above all else, Mary deeply loved her family, she doted on her grandchildren, and she was extremely generous and giving. Mary is survived by her husband Walter and their three children: Anthony Marks and his wife Neia of Peabody; Thomas Marks, his wife Rachel, and their three children, Evelyn, Nathaniel, and Acelynn, of Louisville, Kentucky; and Jessica Diebold, her husband Mathieu, and their son, Simon, of Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Mary also had five brothers and sisters: the late Diane F. Martin, and her son, Michael P. Martin, of New York, NY; Robert P. Martin and his wife Ondis, and their two children, Michael and Peter, all of the Philippines; Thomas A. Martin and his wife Lee of Derry, NH; Theresa M. Gil-



bride and her late husband Thomas, and their daughter Elizabeth of Lowell; and Katherine M. Martin of Lowell.

At this time, services are private and for immediate family only.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Mary's favorite charity, Food for the Poor, P.O. Box 979005, Coconut Creek, FL 33097-9005.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Steven K. McKenna

Loved driving cross country making friends

Steven K. McKenna, age 51, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home with family and friends at his side on Sept. 25, 2020, following a 27 year battle with cancer.

Steven was born on April 24, 1969, in Lynn; he was the dear son of Ken and Pat McKenna. Steven was raised in Wilmington, he attended Wilmington Public School and went on to graduate from Shawsheen Valley Tech. High School with the Class of 1987.

Steven was an auto mechanic by trade but he could fix just about any problem with any engine he came across. He worked for many years at dealerships in both Massachusetts and Colorado.

Steven loved being outdoors; he was in his element while hiking, skiing, camping, sitting by a fire and riding his motorcycle. He was always up for a new adventure. He drove cross country a number of times, always making new friends along the way.

Steven was happiest when he was "hanging out" with family and friends. He took part in his Dart Club every week and enjoyed that as well.

Steven will be fondly remembered for his unwavering

strength through his long battle with cancer; he gave it everything he had and never gave up throughout the years. He underwent numerous surgeries throughout the years and never once complained.

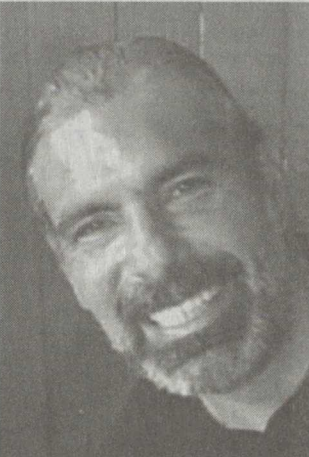
He had the highest respect for his entire medical team and always put his trust in them, knowing they always had a plan. Steven was never without a smile regardless of the circumstances.

Steven was a devoted son, brother and uncle who loved his family unconditionally and with all his heart. He was truly a "great guy" to his family and friends and he will forever be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Steven was the cherished son of Kenneth and Patricia (Kalkanajian) McKenna of Wilmington, treasured brother of Sandy Rourke and her partner Dennis Topping of Wilmington and Susan Quinton and her husband David of St. Mary's, GA.

Loving uncle of Zach, Olivia, Tyler, Riley, Kayla, Kristen and Keith. Dear nephew of John Kalkanajian of Danvers.

Adored friend of Paula Tamara and Ali Brennan of Wakefield. Steven is also survived by many cousins



and dear friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, for Visiting Hours on Monday, Sept. 28 from 4 - 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington.

Interment followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Masks were required to be worn while in the Funeral Home and Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Steven's memory to the Sophia Gordon Cancer Center, Lahey Clinic Medical Center, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.



Letter to the editor

Before and after COVID, Robertson worked for town

Dear editor:

I write in support of Dave Robertson's candidacy for re-election to the State House of Representatives for the 19th Middlesex District. Rep. Robertson has demonstrated a commitment to accessibility since taking office, and a drive to improve our district.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rep. Robertson was a valuable resource to the town as he was able to work in a bipartisan manner to secure funding to fix the public safety issues of the North Wilmington MBTA station.

He served as a valuable resource in discussions to

explore ways in which we could improve the Route 38 corridor, expedite the acceptance of unaccepted ways, and work towards improving the senior circuit breaker tax credit to provide needed relief for seniors in town.

As the COVID-19 pandemic began, Rep. Robertson stepped up and was effective in communicating and coordinating with state and local officials as Advinia

Care and CareOne transformed into COVID-19 facilities.

Rep. Robertson has not taken for granted the responsibilities of being a public servant, and I hope that you will join me in returning him to the State House so that he will continue to capably serve the residents of Wilmington.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Eaton

Papa selected to mentor first year nursing and health sciences students

BURLINGTON, VT — Katrina Papa of Tewksbury serves as a peer mentor for first-year students at the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences for the 2020-21 academic year.

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Interested contractors can obtain the contract documents and rates at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works Office located at 999 Whipple Road, Monday Thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM beginning October 1, 2020.

Information and questions can be directed to the Superintendent's Office at 978-640-4440.

Brian Gilbert, Director of Public Works



Tewksbury Police Log

Two arrested on charges of shoplifting at Walmart

Monday, September 28

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported of a dog barking in the apartment at Balsam Place below him. The dog has been barking for the past six hours and was also doing it yesterday. Police sent. The police tried to make contact with the dog owner by phone and in person. No answer.

2:02 a.m. - Call from the front desk at Motel 6 for two males fighting. Police sent. Montez Hogens, 25, of 210 High St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery with dangerous weapon of outdoor plastic cigarette receptacle, and a warrant for district assault and battery.

1:52 p.m. - A female came in very distraught at Gold's Gym and covered in mud asking to use the phone. She ran across the street into the area to the left where Skybox was into the woods area. Officers on scene checking out the area. She was wearing a blue shirt, muddy jeans and carrying a basket. Ambulance has a female at Ocean State Job Lot and took her to Lowell General Main Campus. Officer filed a report.

5:47 p.m. - There were people banging on the doors and windows of the Dunkin' Donuts and threatening the employee. One of the callers advised the employee saw a

gun and a knife on one of the male parties. Police sent and filed a report.

10 p.m. - Motor vehicle in the parking lot with flashers on for the past hour, unknown if anyone was inside at McDonalds North. Police on scene investigating. No cars in the parking lot with the hazards on. Units cleared.

Tuesday, September 29

10:14 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a motor vehicle had broken windows, the hood was damaged, and the vehicle was parked in the bushes at Walmart. Police sent. Nashua Police Department notified. They had no information for the owner of the vehicle. The owner was located at Motel 6 with a female party. Courtney Lavalle, 22, of 17 Joyce Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession of class A drugs.

2:42 p.m. - A male was on a scooter going door to door soliciting pest control at Pleasant Street. The police spoke to the party in question. He was shutting it down for the day as he does not have a solicitation permit from the town clerk. Officer contacted the owner of the company.

10:06 p.m. - There was a dog in an apartment that has been barking all day at Old Boston Road. Police made

entry to the unit and advised that the dog was OK.

10:43 p.m. - A 911 caller was an employee from the Mobil Gas Station and stated there was a male party that was on sight and had a trespass order. Police sent and advised the male party was not on sight. They conducted an area search. Units located the male at McDonalds in Lowell and advised him of the trespass order.

Wednesday, September 30

10:57 a.m. - Female party reported online that someone had opened an unemployment claim in her name at Lake Street. Police notified to contact the caller by phone. Officer filed a report.

2:55 p.m. - Police were out with a warrant to Holiday Inn. Lauren LeBrasseur, 22, of 24 Auburn St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for violate abuse prevention order.

4:01 p.m. - Employee at Walmart reported a female party caused a disturbance. Police sent. Female checked out and was on her way.

7:56 p.m. - Police sent to Eighth Street for a report of malicious damage to a parked vehicle. Officer filed a report.

9:22 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a party walking around the outside of the

vacant house at Mount Joy Drive with a flash light. Police sent. The female was the executor of the will.

Thursday, October 1

1:27 a.m. - An erratic operator drove on 93 Southbound with a Tewksbury address. Police sent. State police department stated possible OUI. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

10:53 a.m. - A suspicious motor vehicle in front of the caller's house at Dunvegan Road. Police sent. Person checked out OK; he was a visiting nurse.

1:44 p.m. - Loss prevention at Walmart stopped a male and female possibly shoplifting by register. They saw the suspects take a watch and clothing. Police sent. Tabatha Cupan, 26, of 58 Brand Ave. in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation. Carlos Ortiz, 38, of 110 Appleton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with third offense of shoplifting by asportation.

1:48 p.m. - Police sent at Holiday Inn. Robert Surprenant, 56, of 522 Merrimack Ave. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on family/household member.

9:18 p.m. - Property owner at Dollar Tree requested an officer for a walk through of

the building after receiving reports of trespassers in the building. Police sent. Patrick Bussey, 22, of 81 Lakeview Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering building nighttime for felony, vandalize property, and conspiracy to commit breaking and entering night time felony. Ramona Eastman, 18, of 1037 North St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering building nighttime for felony, vandalize property, and conspiracy to commit crime breaking and entering night time.

Friday, October 2

10:03 a.m. - A 911 caller stated male party at Residences At Tewksbury Commons that had a no trespass order was outside of the caller's building. Police sent. Officer spoke to a party and he came to pick up his truck. Officer filed a report.

1:41 p.m. - Caller reported drug activity at Cumberland Farms. Police sent. Benjamin Waniski, 31, of 9 Ames St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for carrying firearms without a license.

Saturday, October 3

12 a.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male at Residence Inn by Marriott. Police sent. They spoke with the male who agreed to go back to his room and quiet down. All units cleared.

9:51 p.m. - A 911 call from the clerk at Extended Stay America reported a guest

was refusing to leave after she could not refund him due to a booking issue. Police sent. They spoke to both parties; there was a miscommunication on the refund due to a language barrier and that party had left the property.

10:39 p.m. - Multiple calls for vehicle that hoy a mailbox and rock wall at Kendall Road. Police sent. Allyson Gauthier, 40, of 41 Holbrook Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, hands free, marked lanes violation, and possess open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Sunday, October 4

1:26 a.m. - Police reported a vehicle driving without a wheel at Chandler Street and Carol Ann Road. Police sent. Juvenile Arrest, 17, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, leaving the scene of property, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for police, person under 21 possess liquor, open container of marijuana, and sell/possess electric stun gun.

11:56 a.m. - Male party in the lobby of Holiday Inn that had a billing dispute and they would like him removed from the property. Police sent. They spoke to the party and filed a report.

12:54 p.m. - Call from Walmart for a shoplifter with loss prevention. Jonathan Cunningham, 34, of 33 Evelyn Ave. in Raymond, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for disorderly, and shoplifting by asportation.



Wilmington Police Log

Stoneham man arrested, charged with OUI-drugs

Friday, September 25:

2:55 a.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a carbon monoxide detector activation on Shawsheen Avenue.

4:13 a.m.: Police received a call from a Mobile Gas Station customer stating that a vehicle drove off with one of the nozzles in its gas tank, causing a gas leak. The Fire Department handled the gas leak while police got the information of the driver who drove off with the nozzle.

10:11 a.m.: Police temporarily closed Ramp 38 due to a large amount of glass debris from an x-ray machine which fell off of a Sacco Specialized Moving truck.

4:12 p.m.: Police assisted

the Fire Department with a brush fire on the side of I-93.

7:31 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a fire reported under a bride on Burlington Avenue.

Saturday, September 26:

2:24 p.m.: Gil DiRoche, 21, of 20 Park St. in Lynn was arrested after crashing into a guard rail at the intersection of Concord Street and Woburn Street and taking out a section of a pole. Di Roche was charged with operating under the influence of drugs and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The pole remained stable despite its missing chunk.

Sunday, September 27:

1:26 a.m.: A signpost on Middlesex Avenue with a "do not enter" sign and a "one way" sign was knocked down by a Nissan Altima. The vehicle left the scene, but the Nissan symbol on the car was left behind, and police managed to catch up to the driver, Zachary Woodland. The 26-year-old Stoneham resident was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and leaving the scene of property damage. He was later bailed.

4:59 a.m.: Donald Morris, 50, of 158 McLaren Road in Tewksbury was arrested for driving with a suspended license and no valid inspection sticker.

6:14 a.m.: The Fire Department responded to an oven fire at the Dunkin Donuts on Lowell Street.

9:53 a.m.: Black Lives Matter lawn signs were reported stolen from two Burlington Avenue properties and an Arnold Road property.

12:37 p.m.: Animal Control was called in to remove a snapping turtle from the road on Chestnut Street.

1:17 p.m.: A Trump 2020 flag was reported stolen from a Concord Street property.

5:31 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred by Rizzo's on Church Street involving a Nissan Rogue and a Honda Civic. No one was injured.

7:43 p.m.: Police retrieved and destroyed what a pedestrian on Taft Road described as a crack pipe.

Monday, September 28:

9:22 a.m.: A political sign was reportedly stolen from a lawn on Park Street over the weekend.

12:44 p.m.: A deceased skunk was taken from Ballardvale Street to be disposed of at a facility in Andover.

3:21 p.m.: The Department of Public Works was notified of a broken swing at the Shawsheen School playground in need of fixing.

3:31 p.m.: Police received a report of a juvenile unintentionally knocking over a stop sign at the intersection of Cross Street and Lowell Street. The sign was removed from the road and had to be replaced; no juveniles were seen in the area when police arrived.

Tuesday, September 29:

4:40 a.m.: A Lincoln MKX crashed on the I-93 overpass at Lowell Street. The vehicle's airbags deployed.

10:24 a.m.: Police put out a smoldering patch of mulch at the Shell station at the intersection of Lowell Street and Main Street.

4:05 p.m.: A Mercury Mountaineer crashed on Lowell Street. No one was injured in the collision.

8:55 p.m.: Airbags were deployed in a collision between a Toyota Camry and a Hyundai Sonata. The Camry was towed from the area of Burlington Avenue and Main Street.

Wednesday, September 30:

6:55 a.m.: A tree fell on

Minkrun Road, blocking all traffic and crushing a mailbox. Police moved the tree enough to allow traffic in one direction until the Department of Public Works could remove it completely.

9:55 a.m.: The Fire Department was called in due to an odor of gas on Salem Street.

8:52 a.m.: Police found tire marks in an area smelling strongly of burnt rubber which indicated that a vehicle had recently smoked its tires on Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.

10:36 p.m.: Two women with warrants were arrested on Horseshoe Lane after police received a report about a disturbance in the area. Allison Rabin, 23, of 1274 Canal St. in Salem was charged with disturbing the peace in addition to her warrant. Amber De-neva, 32, of 1132 Canal St. in Salem was charged with resisting arrest, interfering with a police officer, and also disturbing the peace on top of her warrant.

Thursday, October 1:

9:57 a.m.: The Department of Public Works was notified of a large pothole by the corner of Woburn Street and Eames Street which needed to be filled.

1:07 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Camry and a Chevrolet Blazer occurred at the Fourth of July Building on Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured.

1:22 p.m.: A Ford Explorer backed into a Cooper Brothers Paving trailer. The Explorer was backing up due to a road closure called by the company, and a verbal dispute resulted. The owner of the Explorer called in police to assist with the exchange.

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Lifestyle

No bore: Gore Place offers history, nature

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the Town of Waltham, there lies a historic hidden gem known as Gore Place.

Located just nine miles from downtown Boston, and a half-mile from the banks of the Charles River at 52 Gore St. in Waltham, this 50 acre estate features sprawling lawns, walking paths, an antique carriage house and grand mansion, as well as a working farm.

The Gore Estate was part of the land originally owned by one of the founding fathers of Waltham, Reverend George Phillips.

After his death, Phillips' house, barn and outbuildings were purchased by Boston lawyer, Christopher Gore, in 1786.

Gore was very active in the Federalist party and held several political positions throughout his career. He served as Governor of Massachusetts, then Senator, and eventually as Am-

bassador to Great Britain.

Gore gained his personal fortune by purchasing Revolutionary War debts at a discount, then receiving full value for them from the government.

With his building fortune, Gore began to purchase land in the surrounding area of his home until his estate grew to 400 acres.

In 1799, fire destroyed the house that Gore originally purchased. Gore immediately started plans to rebuild a showplace home that he and his wife could not only live in, but entertain in with style and comfort. By 1806 the palatial mansion, that still stands today, was completed for the price of \$24,000.

Gore remained at his Waltham home until his death in 1827. His wife, Rebecca, remained at the home until her death in 1838.

The Gores had no heirs, so the estate was broken up and sold. Over the next 70 years it was owned by several different families, and in 1921, 70 acres of the original estate were sold to the Waltham Country Club to use as a golf course.



▲ The working farm features sheep, goats and heritage breed chickens, just like the original farm of the late 1700s, early 1800s. The farm also has a farm stand that is open to the public and all farm stand purchases can be done online for curbside pick up.

The golf course eventually went bankrupt during the Great Depression, and was sold by auction in 1935. It was purchased by a group of citizens that were concerned with preserving the past. This group formed the Gore Place Society in order to restore Gore Place to its former glory.

After many years of restoration, the National Park Service designated Gore Place as a National Historical Landmark in 1970.

Today, the Gore Mansion stands as an excellent example of Federal Style architecture, and is a historical treasure.

During the planning and building of the mansion, Mrs. Gore was so influenced by the architecture she saw in Europe during her many trips abroad with her husband, she insisted those designs were incorporated into her dream home.

The mansion sits on a hill with a view of the south side of the

Charles River, and is surrounded by lush grounds and a working farm.

The Gore Place grounds follow in the English landscape style with broad lawns, shady tree areas, informal gardens, and several walking paths.

The Mile Walk is tree lined and extends to the property's perimeter, bordering Boston Post Road on one side and a brook that flows into the Charles River on the other side.

The Straight Walk is also tree lined, and offers a serene, natural ambiance under the canopy of trees.

Pathways to the mansion and carriage house are lined with antique lanterns, making for a unique, historical setting for evening strolls.

In order to keep the farm much like the original farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gore, the farm features sheep and chickens that are heritage breeds from the

early 1800's.

The farm also has a farm stand that is normally open to the public, but because of COVID-19, the Gore Place Farm Stand is open online only for orders and pick up.

The grounds are open every-day from dusk until dawn for leisurely walks, small picnics, and to enjoy the views.

Outdoor guided tours are available every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Unfortunately, indoor tours of the mansion are on hold due to the pandemic. For those who wish to tour Gore Place from the comfort of your own home, their website offers a variety of informational historical packets, virtual tours and concerts, as well as highlights from the Gore Place collection.

This October the Gore Place is offering several outdoor events to enjoy with your family.

"Frightful Friday" will be happening on Oct. 16, 23, and 30.

This annual Halloween celebration features the telling of five spooky ghost stories perfect for young and old alike.

On Oct. 18 enjoy an interactive presentation of 19th century clothing and design.

Forager David Craft hosts "Eyes Out for Edibles" on Oct. 25, and will escort you on a nature walk of Gore Place.

Later that day, enjoy the sounds of traditional Irish fiddle music performed by Jim Prendergast and Lauren Martin.

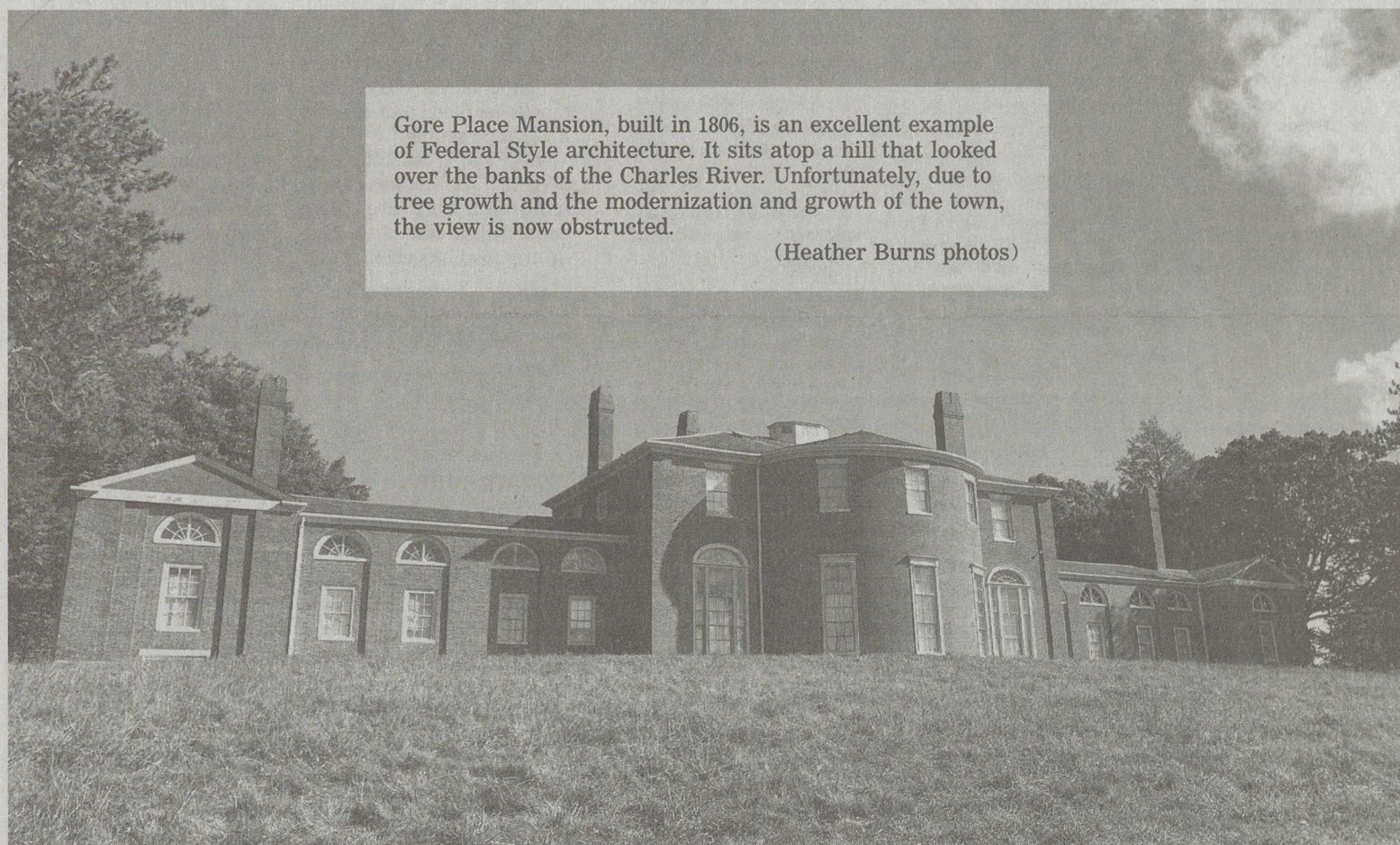
Reservations and tickets are required for both the outdoor guided tours and the October events. However, entrance to the grounds and parking are both free.

Now that fall is almost in full "bloom" in Massachusetts, enjoy all that is wonderful about living in New England. A leisurely walk in the crisp autumn air, surrounded by fall foliage and history, will make for a tranquil afternoon at Gore Place.

For more information on ticket prices for upcoming events or to take a virtual tour from home, visit www.goreplace.org

Gore Place Mansion, built in 1806, is an excellent example of Federal Style architecture. It sits atop a hill that looked over the banks of the Charles River. Unfortunately, due to tree growth and the modernization and growth of the town, the view is now obstructed.

(Heather Burns photos)



Fall Town Clean Up Day in Tewksbury

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
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TEWKSBURY —Tewksbury residents came together on Saturday as part of the Beautification Committee's fall town clean up. The event, which has run since 2014, is also supported by the Open Space and Recreation Committee, the Shawsheen River Watershed Association and the Town of Tewksbury.

Approximately 100 adults and children participated. Residents signed up to pick up trash in school yards, along roadways, along the Shawsheen River and the town's many open spaces.

One family collected 10 bags of trash along Livingston Street. Tom Branchaud and his sons worked with Laurie Hartwick of the SWRA to clean debris from in and along the banks of the Shawsheen River.

Elaine Schofield and Amy Glendenning of Andover worked on Maple Street. The pair has participated

in each clean up and considers it their "thanks" for using the Tewksbury Public Library.

Other residents also have areas they clean consistently such as Foster Park or Rogers Park. Members of Boy Scout troop 47 did a big clean up at Chandler Well Fields and pulled out many tires.

Sr. Maria Graca Dudley and Friends of Tewksbury Open Space's Bruce Shick led the TMHS International club along Old Boston Road and hauled out at least 40 bags of trash. Beautification member Karen Cintolo led the rain garden clean up — special planting areas which filter runoff into Long Pond. The committee is always looking for volunteers to weed them throughout the year.

Due to COVID-19, the trash collection was handled a bit differently in so far as residents had to bring the debris they collected to the DPW, wear masks, and be sure to socially distance during the clean up.



▲ TMHS juniors who helped with this fall's cleanup were Travis Cohen, Jack Stadtman, Ada Nicodemus and Juliana Ricci.

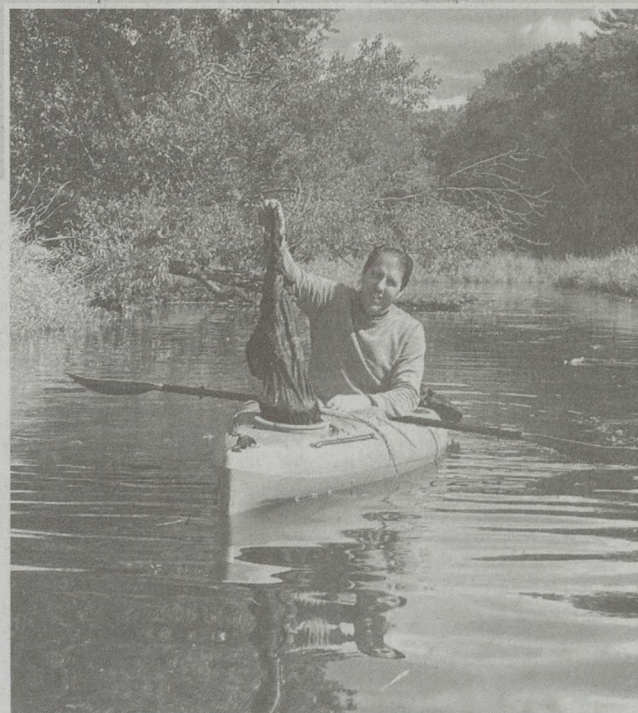
► Tom Branchaud, a member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, pulls debris from the Shawsheen River.

(Paige Impink photos)

In total, 205 bags of trash were counted. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control was on hand to collect any tires that were pulled from the roadways and open spaces. A total of 104 tires were packed onto two trucks, a measurable

number with huge benefit for the environment as tires harbor mosquito larvae.

The next town clean up will be in the spring. To be added to the contact list, email clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com.





Be aware of hand sanitizer recalls

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
paige@yourtowncrier.com

Handwashing and using hand sanitizer are some of the specific measures that public health experts recommend to help reduce the spread of coronavirus. However, with the explosion of the sale of hand sanitizer in response to the pandemic, companies who have not traditionally been producers of

these products have jumped into the market in order to keep up with demand and take advantage of the opportunity.

As with all supply chain-dependent products, however, ingredients have become scarce, and in some cases, substitutions have been made which are unsafe and untested.

The Food and Drug Administration has been issuing warnings since the summer, alerting consumers to certain hand sanitizers that contain products which are considered toxic. While the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control have consistently stated that alcohol-based hand sanitizers, and those in a concentration of 70 percent or higher are most effective in combating COVID-19, some products have been shown to contain methanol, "a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested," according to the FDA.

Methanol, when absorbed through the skin, is toxic to humans. There have even been cases reported of adults and children ingesting hand sanitizer, leading to blindness, hospitalization and death.

The FDA is also concerned about a recent development in hand sanitizer marketing whereby food and drink containers are being used for the sanitizer.

Said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. via a press release by the FDA, "I am increasingly concerned about hand sanitizer being packaged to appear to be consumable products, such as baby food or beverages. These products could confuse consumers into accidentally ingesting a potentially deadly product. It's dangerous to add scents with food flavors to hand sanitizers which children could think smells like food, eat and get alcohol poisoning."

The FDA is warning consumers that it has found hand sanitizers are being packaged in beer cans, children's food pouches, water

bottles, juice bottles and vodka bottles. The FDA has also found hand sanitizers that contain food flavors, such as chocolate or raspberry and fears consumers, especially children, will confuse the items with food.

The FDA has been issuing steady warnings about contaminated hand sanitizers, and has ramped up testing of products to ferret out toxic ingredients. A recent discovery was of the substance 1-propanol in a hand sanitizer manufactured in Mexico. There are many types of alcohol used in consumer products.

However, only ethyl alcohol and isopropyl alcohol (also known as 2-propanol) are acceptable alcohols in hand sanitizer. Other types of alcohol, including methanol and 1-propanol, are not acceptable and can be toxic to humans. Also, some hand sanitizers do not contain the recommended level of alcohol deemed to be effective in preventing the spread of the disease.

The FDA has issued a do not use list for hand sanitizers. Consumers can look up any hand sanitizer at www.fda.gov/handsanitizerlist. The list is updated regularly as new test results are released by the FDA.

As of this writing, 203 hand sanitizers are on the list including those sold at companies such as Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Target. It is suggested to bookmark the list in your web browser so that you can check each hand sanitizer before using it. If a hand sanitizer you have is on the list, it is recommended to not use it and instead treat it like hazardous waste.

Do not flush or pour the product down the drain or mix it with other liquids. Since the FDA issued the list mid-summer and consistently updates it, retailers may have removed some of these recalled items from their shelves, though it is recommended consumers still check the list.

Some retailers are starting take-back programs for these items and consumers should call their local stores.

LEGAL NOTICE

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

ADVERTISEMENT

The Wilmington Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **Elderly 667-1 Deming Way Development** for the Wilmington Housing Authority in Wilmington Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Resolution Architects.

The Project consists of: **Replacement of the asphalt roofing shingle system at nine one-story buildings.**

The work is estimated to cost **\$141,123** (One-hundred forty-one thousand, one-hundred twenty three dollars)

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

For projects with an estimated construction cost of over **\$100,000**, General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), according to Article 2.1 in Section 00.21.00 Instructions to Bidders, in the category of: **Roofing**

General Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., **Friday, October 23, 2020** and publicly opened, forthwith.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, click here to download the **Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects** from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Wilmington Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically or for purchase at www.Projectdog.com, project code **840533**.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between **10 A.M. and 12 P.M. on Thursday, October 15, 2020**. If you would like to attend, please contact Paul Martell at PM@ResolutionArchitects.com to reserve an appointment. Face coverings will be required. For an appointment at a different time, please contact Emily LaMacchia of the Wilmington Housing Authority at 978-658-8531.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P4010EA

Estate of:
MARIE ELAINE CHIARENZA
Also Known As:
MARIE ELAINE B. CHIARENZA
Date of Death: July 20, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **ANTHONY M. CHIARENZA of MEDFORD MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

ANTHONY M. CHIARENZA of MEDFORD MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P4311EA

Estate of: **Nancy A. Stouffer**
Date of Death: April 29, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann-Marie von Sneidern of North Andover MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ann-Marie von Sneidern of North Andover MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 26, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** on an application filed by **Karen Capuano** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **17 Appletree Road**, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 98, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Fowler, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 20 SM 001559

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Brian R. Fuller and Kathryn L. Fuller**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as the Trustee for the Brougham Fund I Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 12 Olmstead Avenue, given by Brian R. Fuller and Kathryn L. Fuller to Mortgage Electronic Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated January 25, 2006, and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19769, Page 278, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **NOV 9 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on SEP 25 2020.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
10/7/20
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P4216EA

Estate of: **Joseph R. Capua**
Date of Death: 05/29/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kristine J. Morse of Peterborough NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kristine J. Morse of Peterborough NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/22/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 24, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P4154EA

Estate of:
Richard Brian Fallon
Also known as:
Richard B. Fallon,
Richard Fallon
Date of Death: 08/15/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elizabeth A. DeSisto of Medford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth A. DeSisto of Medford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without**

Surety on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/15/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 17, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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Tewksbury, Wilmington libraries to host 'Wicked' author on Oct. 14

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library have joined forces to host bestselling author Gregory Maguire in conversation with bestselling author Daniel Handler (a.k.a. "Lemony Snicket") for a Zoom webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Maguire will discuss the 25th anniversary of "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West," and his latest book, "A Wild Winter Swan."

Space is limited. Registration is required and can be found at www.tinyurl.com/gregorytalkswicked. While this virtual event is completely free, attendees can purchase an autographed copy of the book to be shipped to their homes from the event's bookstore partner — Wellesley Books. "Wicked" can be purchased at www.tinyurl.com/buywicked. "A Wild Winter Swan" can be purchased at www.tinyurl.com/buyawild-winterswan.

Gregory Maguire is the New York Times bestselling author of Confessions of an "Ugly Stepsister," "Lost," "Mirror Mirror," and the "Wicked Years," a series that includes "Wicked," "Son of a Witch," "A Lion Among Men," and "Out of Oz."

Now a beloved classic, "Wicked" is the basis for a blockbuster Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. Maguire has lectured on art, literature, and culture both at home and abroad. He also helped found and for 25 years codirected Children's Literature New England, Inc., a nonprofit that raises awareness of the significance of literature in the lives of children. He lives with his family near Boston.

After brilliantly reimagining the worlds of Oz, Wonderland, Dickensian London, and the Nutcracker, the New York Times bestselling author of "Wicked" turns his unconventional genius to Hans Christian Andersen's "The Wild Swans," transforming this

classic tale into an Italian-American girl's poignant coming-of-age story, set amid the magic of Christmas in 1960s New York.

As he explores themes of class, isolation, family, and the dangerous yearning to be saved by a power greater than ourselves, Maguire conjures a haunting, beautiful tale of magical realism that illuminates one young woman's heartbreak and hope as she begins the inevitable journey to adulthood.

Daniel Handler is the author of seven novels. As Lemony Snicket, he is responsible for numerous books for children, including "Swarm of Bees," illustrated by Rilla Alexander. His books have sold more than 70 million copies and have been translated into 40 languages, and have been adapted for screen and stage.

The first season of Netflix's adaptation of "A Series of Unfortunate Events," for which he served as executive producer and writer, won a 2018 Peabody Award for its "lively excellence, strange silliness, and compelling storytelling," and the teleplay won a 2019 Writers Guild Award.

He lives in San Francisco with the illustrator Lisa Brown, to whom he is married and with whom he has collaborated on several books, and one son.

This event is sponsored by a collection of North of Boston libraries, including the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Billerica Public Library, Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, Tewksbury Public Library, Wilmington Memorial Library, and Woburn Public Library.

This event is a part of a series of virtual discussions with bestselling authors these libraries are holding this fall. Their next virtual event will take place on Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. with Karen Kingsbury, who will be discussing her brand new book — Truly, Madly, Deeply.

Reading Police Officer indicted in connection with fatal shooting of Alan Greenough

READING — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced that a Middlesex County Grand Jury has indicted Erik Drauschke, a police officer in the Town of Reading, on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the 2018 fatal shooting of Alan Greenough.

An investigation into this incident determined that just prior to 4 p.m., on Feb. 3, 2018, multiple Reading Police officers responded to the East Coast Gas and Service Station located on Main Street in Reading. East Coast Gas is a mixed-use location with both a gas and repair station as well as two residential apartments.

On that date, Reading Police had received a report of an alleged domestic assault and battery committed by a resident, 43 year-old Alan Greenough, upon two other residents. The police had responded to that same location for similar allegations involving Greenough and the same two victims on the previous night.

When they responded to the residence on the afternoon of Feb. 3, Reading Police intended to not only investigate the current allegations, but also to arrest Greenough for the incident that had occurred the prior evening.

Upon arrival at the residence, the police allegedly learned that Greenough had locked himself in his apartment. Officers had discussions through the locked doors and windows with Greenough, allegedly pleading with him to surrender to them peacefully.

Greenough was allegedly agitated and, at one point, had an approximately three foot-long broken table leg in his hands as he yelled from a window to the police. Greenough subsequently was able to exit the residence by climbing

out a back window of his apartment. Once the officers saw the open window, they began to set up a perimeter search of the area.

Officer Erik Drauschke began to search the south portion of the property, which consisted of numerous parked cars in varying states of repair. The defendant allegedly saw a man fitting Greenough's description sitting in a car parked in this area. The car doors were closed and the vehicle was parked in a way that it could not have been able to be utilized to flee the scene. The defendant allegedly approached the vehicle alone and did not wait for assistance even though other police officers were in close proximity. Greenough is not alleged to have made any attempt to flee or to make any threatening gestures towards the officer while in the vehicle.

The defendant opened the car door and subsequently took out his service firearm as he ordered Greenough out of the car. Greenough allegedly exited the car with both of his hands inside his sweatshirt pocket. Greenough allegedly came quickly toward the defendant, refusing to take his hands out of his pockets and yelling, "...Shoot me, shoot me..."

The defendant allegedly began to back up, then fired twice, striking Greenough in the chest. Greenough was unarmed and a search of the area did not yield any weapons. Greenough was transported from the scene and subsequently died as a result of his injuries.

Drauschke will be arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court at a date that has not yet been scheduled. These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



Robertson visits with Pack 136

State Rep (and Eagle Scout) Dave Robertson attended Cub Scout Pack 136's recent Pack Meeting and offered his well wishes and continued success to our Cub Scouts. From left are: David Foley, Rowan Norton, Rylan Foley, Braeden Foley and Jimmy FitzPatrick. Cub Scout Pack 136 is looking for a few more boys and girls to are looking for a great scouting program with plenty of fun! We meet at Wilmington Mason Hall, 32 Church St. on Thursdays from 6-7pm. Please contact Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email Troop136Wilm@aol.com for more info.

(Courtesy photo)

Baker-Polito Administration files bill to honor veterans lost to service-related illness

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration filed legislation to create a Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity, which will be presented by the Massachusetts National Guard to the families of veterans who lost their lives to service-related illnesses and injuries.

"This legislation will provide an opportunity for the Commonwealth to recognize the tragic toll that service-related illnesses and injuries can take on the brave men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The Medal of Fidelity will honor their families and loved ones, as well as those veterans whose deaths were related to the invisible wounds of war and other conditions resulting from their combat service."

The bill, entitled "An Act Relative to Establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity," will authorize the Commonwealth to award the Medal of Fidelity to the next-of-kin of Massachusetts service members who "died as the result of service-connected dis-

eases, conditions or injuries that are related to either exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents, and materials or combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder."

"This bill reflects our administration's recognition that these conditions and illnesses related to combat service can contribute to the death of our heroic veterans," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "It also allows us to honor them and the families they leave behind, many of whom struggled alongside their loved ones and made their own very real sacrifices."

As a complement to the Medal of Liberty, which is presented to the families of Massachusetts veterans who die of combat-related physical injuries, the Medal of Fidelity will recognize service-connected injuries related to exposure to harmful substances, such as Agent Orange, as well as death attributed to combat-related mental illness.

"The Administration's bill reflects our shared concern for all Massachusetts veterans, and especially those whose

brave service came with great sacrifice," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Tom Turco. "The Medal of Fidelity is one small way we can honor everything they — and their families — gave to the nation."

"The impact of service extends beyond active duty, with service-related illnesses including less obvious, but equally important service related health issues, such as PTSD, depression, and substance use disorder, which affect individual veterans and their loved ones," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "This new honor underscores Massachusetts' dedication to all veterans and all of their service related health issues, and expresses our gratitude to those who lost their lives and their families."

"Those who have served recognize that military service may leave both visible and invisible wounds on the lives of the faithful and selfless men and women who chose to serve our country, hundreds of thousands of whom are from Massa-

chusetts" said Acting Secretary of Veterans' Services Cheryl Lussier Poppe. "This will afford us another opportunity to recognize our deceased heroes and their loved ones, who have sacrificed so much for us."

"This is the first medal of its kind given by the Commonwealth to recognize veterans who have lost their lives because of service-connected illness and injuries," said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. "It represents the duty and commitment of service members and their faithfulness to the nation. The medal also demonstrates the Commonwealth's commitment to support them and their families before, during and after military service."

The bill will also authorize a commission to make Medal of Fidelity award recommendations to the Governor. The commission will be composed of The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard and two field grade officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.



▲ On Monday, Sept. 28, the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce held its 3rd annual Chamber Golf Classic at the beautiful Tewksbury Country Club. Postponed from April, players were excited for some outdoor fun in the sun which included on-course contests, raffles, swag bags, a continental breakfast and boxed lunch. Shout out to the generous tournament sponsors and the team at the Tewksbury Country Club for a safe day and for always going above and beyond for the Chamber and business community. Congrats to tournament winners: 1st Place: CMS Plumbing; 2nd Place: Salem Five/TekDoc Solutions

(Photos courtesy of Photos by Bella) Visit Wilmington Tewksbury Chamber Facebook page to view more photos.

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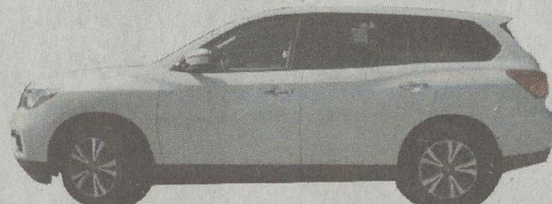
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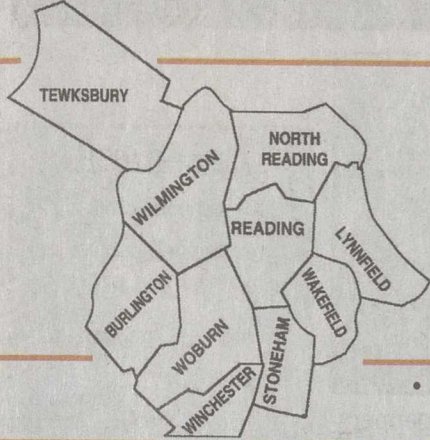
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After Town Meeting shoots down re-zoning Group of citizens looks for Lynnfield to buy 20-acre site

BY PAT BLAIS

A little over a year ago, Lynnfield's voters stunned developer Angus Bruce by handing his proposed "Woods at Lynnfield" elderly housing complex a lopsided defeat at Town Meeting.

But this April, when Bruce unveiled plans to construct a 15-lot subdivision along the same northern stretch of Main Street by the Sagamore Springs Golf Course, it was Lynnfield's turn to be caught completely off-guard.

Late last month, a handful of town residents and environmental activists, forming an ad hoc working group in response to the latest threat to the community's overstrained groundwater drinking supply by the Ipswich River watershed, pitched a bold alternative to the "Hanna's View Estates" proposal: Convince citizens and town officials to spend \$2.7 million to buy the bulk of the land in question.

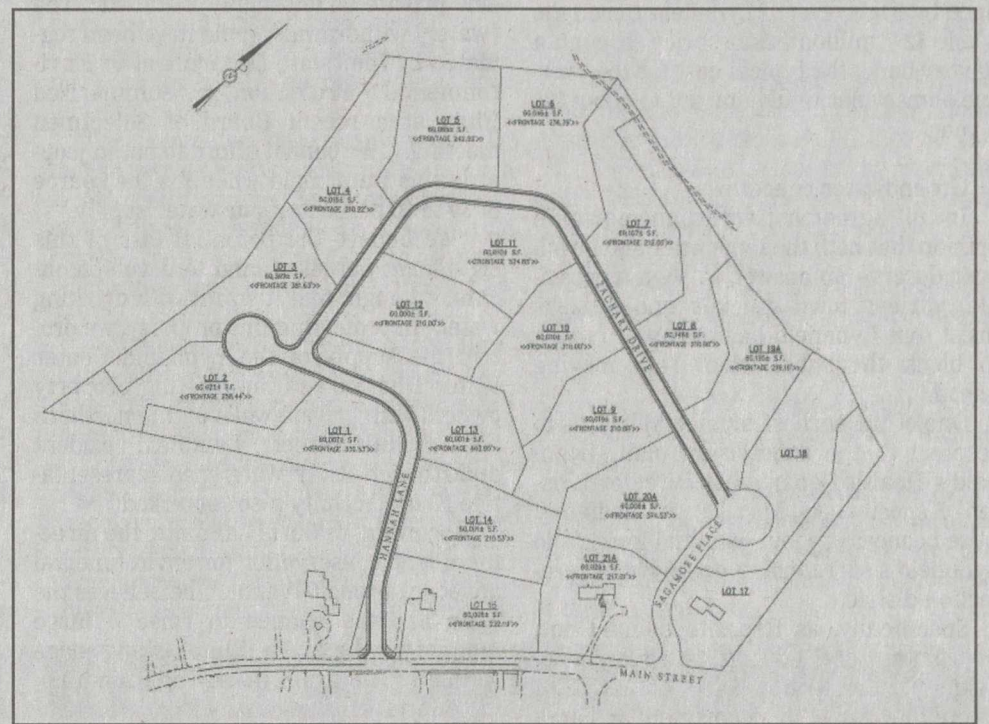
Specifically, under Bruce's submission to the town's Planning Board, the vast majority of the single-family homes would be constructed on an approximate 20-acre parcel being dubbed the Richardson-Green property at 1452 Main St. The land would also be combined with a handful of other parcels, including a portion of 1414 Main

St., the same address associated with the failed elderly housing proposal from 2019. Based off of the subdivision plan and records from the Lynnfield assessor's office, an existing 1.59-acre house lot on Main Street, as well as parcels by an abutting side street known as Sagamore Place, would also be involved.

However, before Bruce can finalize the real-estate transaction with the Richardson-Green ownership group, the municipality must determine whether it will exercise its right of first refusal under Mass. General Law Chapter 61, which grants cities and towns the right to purchase property from landowners who enjoy special property tax rebates for agricultural and forest land.

Should Lynnfield agree to exercise that option, the town must commit to slate the land for protected parkland and conservation purposes.

"Currently, this is something that really needs to be thought through to determine if it's in the best interests of the town," conceded Planning Board member and ad hoc group spokesperson Katherine Flaws during a virtual Board of Selectmen meeting last month. "We want to be fair to the landowner and the developer, but what's really important is being fair to the people of



A PROPOSED 15-LOT SUBDIVISION OFF MAIN STREET is now a hot topic as opponents of the project look for community to purchase the land.

this town."

"This piece of land is really unique...It will really change the character of our town with the loss of this land," she later remarked.

So far, the selectmen, equally worried about the impacts of the proposed subdivision, have agreed the land acquisition — which could potentially be offset through grant money and private donations — is worth exploring.

And thanks to the COVID-19 crisis, the community now has months longer than is customary to render a final decision, until a few months ago, state law required communities to act within a 120-days of receiving a formal notification about the

pending sale of Chapter 61 eligible land.

According to Lynnfield Planning Director Emilie Cademartori, state legislators, recognizing the incredible strain being put on municipal officials due to the pandemic, froze that timetable indefinitely. Under the special state law, passed as part of a broader COVID-19 relief package, the official clock for Lynnfield to exercise its right of first refusal now won't begin until 90-days after Governor Charles Baker lifts the present state of emergency.

"The timelines are a little unusual given the COVID-19 emergency. Typically, the town would only have 120-days to take

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

In 'Save Yourselves!': bake bread, eat quinoa, fight aliens

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

The new sci-fi rom-com "Save Yourselves!" is rich in comic timing, but seemingly nowhere more than in its very title, coming in this of all weeks. Unless, of course, you enjoyed the presidential debate.

But there are several layers of meaning to the title, even without that exquisite yet unintentional one. The first concerns the fact that killer aliens descend to Earth, bent on destroying all in their path. So there's that.

The other concerns the

relationship at the core of the movie, that of a Brooklyn hipster couple trying to cope with various needs and differences and working on growing and nurturing their love, much like the yeast starter for their homemade sourdough.

There are many Brooklyn millennial references like that, and luckily most of them hit their mark with a delightful zing, thanks to a crackling script by directors-writers Alex Huston Fischer and Eleanor Wil-

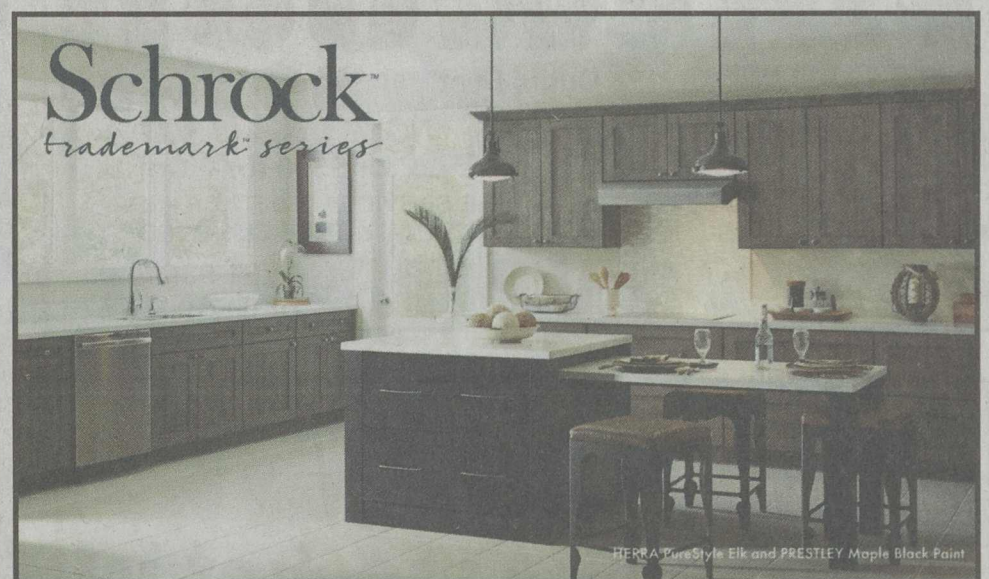
son, but especially because of the easy chemistry between the terrific leads, Sunita Mani and a hilarious

John Reynolds. The plot does get rather confused and trippy in the latter third, but by then we're so charmed by this couple and their creative efforts to save themselves that honestly, it hardly matters.

We begin in the year ... well, "the year humankind lost Planet Earth." So from the start, we sort of know where this is going.

But before the aliens arrive, in the form of cute little furry "pouffes" that resemble comfy footstools, we get to know Su and Jack. Fittingly when we meet

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action. That's pretty tight," admitted Cademartori of the pre-pandemic version Chapter 61. "But that timeline has been suspended, so the town has the time to look at all of its options."

"We don't just want to take this time because we have it," later advised the planning director, who argued the community still has an obligation to act in good faith. "We want to at least set our own timeline to keep the town on track."

Though Bruce submitted the subdivision proposal to the Planning Board in April, the Richardson-Green ownership group didn't formally notify the town about the pending sale until July 31, according to a copy of the certified letter posted on the Town of Lynnfield website.

Under the "worst-case" scenario outlined by Flats, even if Lynnfield raised the whole \$2.7 million asking price through a 10-year bond, the typical cost for the average homeowner would amount to about \$32 a year.

Groundwater concerns

In full agreement with Cademartori's opinion that both the landowner and developer deserve an answer as soon as possible, various town officials and citizens insist that Lynnfield has plenty of reason to block the subdivision from moving ahead.

One of the earliest municipal boards to respond to the subdivision plan, Lynnfield's Health Department Director Kristen Esposito on May 12 immediately raised concerns about potential impacts to Lynnfield's surrounding groundwater protection district.

Specifically, as Esposito pointed out, the 20-plus acres of land sit within Lynnfield's Center Water District (LCWD), where the town's fire department and area homeowners already struggle with a limited supply of well water sources.

In fact, according to a climate change preparedness study completed by engineering firm Comprehensive Environmental Inc. (CEI) last winter, municipal officials should seriously consider taking steps to protect the water resource area around the Ipswich River and Reedy Meadow conservation land.

"The site is located in the Lynnfield Groundwater Protection District. The water main does not extend to this area of Lynnfield. Private wells for each of the proposed lots will require individual permits from the BOH. However in the planning phase, a form of a hydrology study should be undertaken to assess the existing neighboring wells and the impact of adding 20 additional wells," wrote the public health director.

Notably, worries about future development's impacts on the LCWD and groundwater supplies was cited as a major reason for blocking Bruce's original senior housing proposal — not to mention an unrelated 55-plus townhouse development on

the nearby golf course in 2018.

Specifically, during an Annual Town Meeting in 2019, Lynnfield's voters in rejecting a proposed zoning change essentially declaring the northernmost stretches of Main Street as off-limits for any type of development outside of the underlying single-family zoning designation.

By rejecting the 66-unit, duplex-style housing complex, the community dismissed with it a substantial development pact package that included a lump sum \$650,000 payment to offset project impacts and additional pledges from Bruce to construct a 60,000-gallon cistern to bolster firefighting protection services.

However, now faced with the single-family home subdivision, opponents of the newest proposal realize the alternative is even worse.

"That development would have had a new private water supply installed. The [water] withdrawals would have been regulated by the [state Department of Environmental Protection]," summarized Flats at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting. "We cannot afford to put in jeopardy this water field when it's the source of 30 to 60 percent of our water supply."

"We believe the potential loss of this significant parcel of land to development cannot be ignored. It starts with drinking water. In protecting this property, we protect the supply of the Lynnfield Center Water District and the existing property owners with private wells on the northern part of Main Street," Lynnfield resident and Ipswich River Watershed representative Ken MacNulty also remarked.

According to Chris LaPointe, the director of land conservation for environmental advocacy group Greenbelt, he believes the town has the chance to raise a large amount of the \$2.7 million asking price through state grant money and fundraising efforts.

Given the extended Chapter 61 timeline, LaPointe, whose organization works to protect conservation spaces in Essex County, pledged to render his expertise to the community should the selectmen agree to pursue the acquisition.

"We are an organization that can help," said LaPointe, who explained that Greenbelt has helped cities and towns buy around 18,000 acres of land for permanent conservation uses. "We believe we can do better than the worst-case scenario."

Some of the grants and alternative funding sources being eyed by the ad hoc group include:

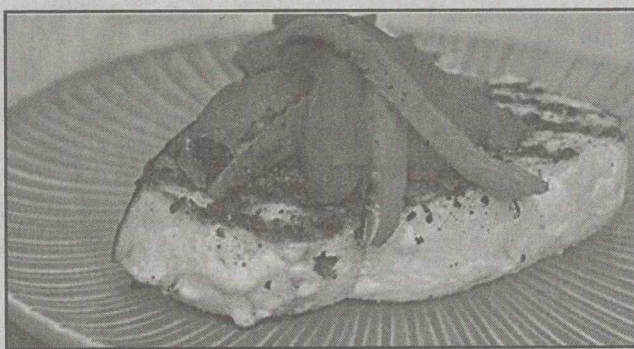
- As much as \$300,000 in special Conservation Commission funds set aside specifically for land acquisitions;
- A state Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant award of up to \$1.5 million;
- Up to \$300,000 in funding through a drinking water protection grant;
- And a potential award of up to \$750,000 through the state's Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Please visit the MCA web site at www.middlesexcanal.org for details.

Also, the fall meeting of the MCA will take place on Sunday, October 25 at 1 p.m. at the Visitors' Center at 71 Faulkner Street in North Billerica (by car, take Route 3 towards Nashua to Exit 28, Treble Cove Rd., North Billerica, Carlisle, bear left 3/4 of a mile at the fork, go another 3/4 mile across Rte. 3A and then onto Talbot Ave., then Old Elm St., to 71 Faulkner St.). Or, by the Boston-Lowell train and get off at No. Billerica (3 minute walk to 71 Faulkner St.).

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

GRILLED SWORDFISH WITH PEPPERS



FALL FISH - Colorful red and orange bell peppers add a Mediterranean flair to this grilled fish recipe.

STEPS

1. Heat gas or charcoal grill. In 10-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add bell peppers and garlic; stir to coat. Cover; simmer 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix fennel seed, mustard, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Sprinkle mixture on both sides of swordfish. Remove pepper mixture from heat; season to taste with additional salt and pepper.

Cover to keep warm.

3. Carefully brush oil on grill rack. Place swordfish on grill over medium heat. Cover grill; cook 10 to 12 minutes, turning once, until fish flakes easily with fork. Serve fish with pepper mixture.

EXPERT TIPS

You can use a grill pan on the stove to cook the swordfish.

Squeeze lemon over the fish before topping with the pepper mixture for added flavor.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 orange bell pepper, julienned
- 1 red bell pepper, julienned
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fennel seed, crushed
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 swordfish steaks (3 to 4 oz each)

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them, she's on her laptop and he's on his phone. Technology clearly rules their lives. Typical domestic dialogue: "Alexa, play!" "Alexa, stop!"

Su is miffed, because Jack messed with her tabs on her laptop, and now she can't find her stuff, only Jack's articles on baking bread. She asks for an apology. He obliges. "What are you apologizing FOR?" she asks, as if to a child. "That thing you want me to apologize for," he says. You can tell they go down this road all day long.

But the couple is working on bettering themselves, and one evening at a party, they meet a friend who owns a remote cabin upstate. They take him up on his offer of a week away from it all. They decide to cut off all technology, and won't communicate with anyone. They settle in for a week of hiking and canoeing and making lists like "How to Be a Better 'We.'"

And then, as if cutting off iPhones and iPads for a week weren't scary enough, there's that alien invasion thing.

Not that they catch on anytime soon. They're pretty oblivious. They notice a furry "pouffe" nesting in the living room, but assume it's inanimate. When alien forces descend from the night sky, they assume it's a meteor shower. They don't even notice that guy falling dead outside their window.

But when Jack is out for a minute, Su checks her phone. Mass chaos has engulfed the nation.

Soon the killer "pouffes," who live on ethanol and suck gasoline from cars, are rampaging through their bucolic country village. Su and Jack need to use all their wits to escape. Their struggle is often quite amusing; the sight of Reynolds trying to



SURVIVAL OF THE HIPPEST - Sunita Mani, left, and John Reynolds in a scene from the Bleecker Street film "Save Yourselves!"

fight intergalactic war with a tennis racket (old-style wood, not metal!) is a delight.

At one point, the couple is trying to use their collective knowledge about aliens to outsmart them, and Jack tells Su that they can't judge from movies that they've seen, because those aliens are naturally imbued with "Earth-based attributes." In other words they need to think out of the box — or the planet.

Likewise, one could say it's unwise to judge this film via the standards of conventional sci-fi movies. Things get a little weird, and the ending may not be as neat as one expects.

But hey, these are tough times. A diversion like "Save Yourselves!" might just save your week.

"Save Yourselves!", a Bleecker Street Films release, has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America, "for language." Running time: 93 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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The National Association of Colored Women was an early leader in the voting rights movement.

While celebrating the passage of 19th Amendment, many Black women continued to fight for electoral power well into the 20th century.

In our contemporary moment, with the rise of Stacy Abrams and Kamala Harris on national party tickets, what obstacles do some American women still face as they try to exercise the rights protected by the 19th Amendment?

Join historian Paula Austin on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom in a discussion on what political activism looks like when the ballot is foreclosed by race and gender discrimination.

Paula Austin is Assistant Professor of History and African American Studies at Boston University and author of *Coming of Age in Jim Crow DC: Navigating the Politics of Everyday Life*. Austin's scholarship focuses on African American history, the history of race and racism, visual culture, urban, edu-



cation, and women's history, the history of social science, and the history of childhood.

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** What were the colleges of New England Patriots' QB's Jarrett Stidham and Brian Hoyer?
Answer appears below:

Middlesex League issues Fall Sports Spectator Guidelines

Unfortunately during this pandemic, spectators cannot just randomly show up and watch high school games. As such, the Middlesex League issued some spectator guidelines with the Fall I season underway.

- Crowds are limited to 50 people at all times, including visiting team fans, per Massachusetts COVID guidelines.
- All fans from the home and away team must have their school's ML-12 lanyard displayed for the duration of the game.
- Spectators must social distance and wear face coverings at all times.
- Unfortunately, student spectators are not allowed unless they are attending in place of a student-athlete's family member, in which case a sport specific lanyard is required.
- Please be respectful and courteous of all game administrators, officials, coaches and players.
- All players, coaches and spectators are expected to leave the field and sidelines immediately following the game.

MIAA alignment proposals hits a snag with boys ice hockey

In late August the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee delayed a couple of items in regard to the new statewide tournament scheduled to begin this fall. The TMC delayed its findings on alignment proposals which were to be announced on Sept. 1 but it pushed that back to last week on Oct. 1 since there was really no urgency.

Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

The proverbial "hot-button" topic concerned boys ice hockey realignment. Under the new statewide tournament proposal that was adopted, the MIAA wants to equally divide the schools into equal divisions based on enrollment. This process is proving more challenging with boys ice hockey.

Last week's proposal breaks the 194 boys' hockey programs into four nearly equal divisions with 48 each in Divisions 1 and 2, and 49 each in Divisions 3 and 4. While currently there are four divisions, Divisions 1 and 2 are Eastern Mass. only, while Division 3A is played solely in Central and West.

TMC members indicated the process was designed to align the teams first, then allow them to either opt up (which would be granted automatically) or appeal down. Any school with a TMC factor applied is allowed to appeal, while high-needs schools, enrollment changes and participation trends also can be considered.

"If those schools are not rectified in the appeal, which is what we're trying to achieve, then I agree 100 percent," Burlington AD Shaun Hart told the Boston Globe. "If a school comes and appeals under the proper factors, and gets moved, that's how the process should work — the school speaking for itself."

The Ice Hockey Committee believed more

credence should be given to those with "expertise" in the sport, rather than adhering strictly to the criteria. The TMC agreed that it will be crucial to have strong hockey representation on the appeals committee.

So unlike a lot of other sports, boys ice hockey does not fit into that nice, neat, little package.

In related boys high school ice hockey news, the MIAA ice hockey committee is thinking about a pair of changes to the sport that could make a big change to the sport in this state.

The committee once again wants 17-minute periods, and unanimously approved a recommendation that the two-year overtime pilot program become a permanent rule change. The 17-minute periods has been previously rejected when proposed three years ago.

Both the Ice Hockey Committee and Mass. State Hockey Coaches Association have pushed for the 17-minute period option several times in the past, most recently in the 2016-17 school year. The issue is to get the MIAA aligned with National Federation of High Schools rules that allow for 17-minute periods and two-minute minor penalties. The two-minute penalties was passed in 2017. Massachusetts high school teams play 15-minute

periods.

This effort for longer periods is to help better compete with prep school sand junior hockey for players who play more games.

Ice hockey has been granted an OK for competition via guidance from the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. There will be no checking, proper distancing and other protocols. There will be updated guidance pertaining to high school sports once the EEA compiles data from the Fall I season.

Merrimack Valley Conference puts additional fall sports on hold

Because seven of its 11 schools are in towns designated as high risk areas, the Merrimack Valley Conference has halted play for boys and girls soccer, field hockey and girls volleyball. Those sports are deemed "moderate risk." Football and girls swimming, "high risk" sports, were already moved to Fall II previously.

MVC schools can move forward this fall with modified schedules to the new affected sports, or move them to Fall II (Feb. 22-April 25). The Middlesex League totally moved girls volleyball to Fall II along with girls swimming, football and competitive cheer before the Fall I season began.

The MVC will continue to play high school golf and cross country. Two sports deemed "lower risk."

Answer to this week's question: Jarrett Stidham (Auburn), Brian Hoyer (Michigan State).

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@daily-timesinc.com.

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Muzio discusses various topics

Catching up with the new Athletic Director

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Inbetween Saturday morning's field hockey and girls' soccer games against Burlington, the Town Crier was able to spend a few minutes with new WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio, who like everyone else, has had their lives turned upside down since COVID-19 and the pandemic hit this country.

Muzio officially took over AD duties on July 1st. Before that, in the spring when she was named to the position, she said that she had a long list of items that she wanted to pursue. Unfortunately those are now all on the backburner.

"I had my list and I blew it up," she said while laughing. "We will get to them and after this week when things will finally get to clockwork, but for now in this first week, it's just a learning experience. So whether to forget to tell someone the time of the game, not being able to get into the building or the bathroom, or whatever it is, but I think we will end up getting to a (student-athlete) handbook and those types of things. Also, administration is busy too and not just athletics so now it's all about getting kids back into school."

"In my head it's week-by-week. I am going to take everything week-by-week. We will learn every week as long as we are staying within that week's philosophy than we will get through the end of this fall

season. We already learned probably 20 things today.

"Everyone has been great, between those working the game and just everyone being so helpful. WCTV is here and are live-streaming the game which was awesome, the fans were great, the kids were great, so it was a calm first game."

Despite the obstacles with everything going on, she has been able to move things along in a rapid pace, despite the frantic last few months with everything going on with the pandemic, between whether or not sports was going to happen, all of the rule changes and modifications, as well as schedules.

"Everything has been good. It's been challenging obviously with all of the modifications, the new rules, the masks and all of the social distancing and all of that. The coaches have done a really good job, the kids have been awesome although I haven't been able to meet all of them yet, but we are working on that," Muzio said. "I've been enjoying the challenge and things will get easier as we learn from the first day of games."

"We are new on Arbiter. The website has been completely changed. We are really trying to use that. With social media, we have worked our way back to Twitter and Instagram and I am testing my Instagram skills. We just opened the online

MUZIO B10W



Wilmington resident and reigning Town Crier Female Athlete of the Decade Olivia Wingate, had a busy week of play for the Notre Dame University Women's Soccer team playing Boston College and Syracuse. The Irish won both of those games making it three in a row. (courtesy photo/Notre Dame University Athletics).

Wingate, the Irish, defeat both BC and Syracuse

The University of Notre Dame women's soccer team continued its string of strong performances Sunday afternoon with a 2-0 win over Syracuse. The Irish have won three straight games and picked up a shutout in each of those three wins.

Kiki Van Zanten has been a super sub for the Irish so far this season, providing a number of chances off the bench and Sunday was no different. The sophomore forward scored the opening goal of the game in the 43rd minute off the great assist from Brooke VanDyck. In

the waning minutes, Van Zanten was able to deflect a kick from the Syracuse keeper and had a wide open net for her second goal of the match to seal the win for the Irish.

Similar to their previous game against Boston College, the Irish came out on the front foot and created a number of offensive opportunities early on. Syracuse's keeper was up to the challenge in the first half, making a number of saves on quality chances for the Irish.

The best chance early on for Notre Dame came from the foot of

Wilmington's Olivia Wingate in the 19th minute. She beat her defender into the box and had the keeper one-on-one on the left side of the goal. Lysianne Proulx made a great run out of the goal to cut off the angle and scooped up Wingate's shot for the save.

The Irish kept at it offensively and it paid off in the 43rd minute. With a number of the starters off the field, the bench got Notre Dame in front. VanDyck had a great move to get past her defender and clean into the box. She sent a low

cross towards the six-yard box where Van Zanten was waiting for the volley. Van Zanten connected with her right foot and slotted it inside the right post for the first goal of the match.

The Irish took the 1-0 lead into the half and it was another strong defensive effort in the opening 45 minutes. The Irish limited the Orange to just one shot in the first half and it was from a long distance outside the box.

In the second half, the Irish kept the shots com-

WINGATE B10W

WHS JV Field Hockey coach Laura Connors back on the mend Sticking a fork in COVID-19!!!

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- During the last few days of April, Laura Connors wasn't feeling well. She had mentioned it to her longtime best friend Leanne Ebert.

"She told me that she felt hot and I joked to her that it must be because she was getting old," said Ebert, the WHS Varsity Field Hockey coach about her JV coach. "So then Laura texted me back and said that was going to get tested for (COVID-19) the following day and I was like 'what'? Then the next day she told me that she tested positive for it and I was like 'are you kidding'?"

Certainly it was not a joke even though Connors could have tried to even the score on the joke board. Connors, who works the overnight shift at Lowell General Hospital, admitted that it took her a while before she decided to get tested, and that was only because of a big push she got from her sister-in-law.

"As a nurse you think you are invincible," said Connors. "You wait, you wait and you wait. If my sister-in-law (Kelley Gramstorff, a Mass General Nurse) didn't urge to me go, I don't know what would have happened. She came over three days earlier and she had all of the stuff on. She thought I had pneumonia. I took the anti-biotics and it didn't work. I just didn't feel right. It was different from when I had the



Laura Connors, forefront, now in her 8th year as the JV Field Hockey coach at WHS, is also a nurse and was diagnosed with COVID-19 back in May. She now has made a full recovery and is back coaching this season. Here Connors looks on during a game held last year along with her best friend Leanne Ebert (back inside), who is the varsity coach, and Katherine McKenna, a volunteer coach with the program. All three of them are former WHS players. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

fevers. I didn't feel right, I couldn't catch my breath and I didn't realize it. You breathe in and just your chest is moving."

On Saturday, May 2nd, Kevin Connors drove his wife to Winchester Hospital.

"When you leave a patient who has it, you can't be with the person so when I got dropped off at the hospital, I looked at my husband and I didn't know if I would ever see him again for real," said Connors, while her eyes

completely filled up. After that tearful moment with Kevin in the parking lot, Laura went into the hospital, had some tests done and was told that she indeed tested positive for COVID-19.

"The fever for me was

unbelievable," she described. "It got as high as 103 and wouldn't get below 101. I had to take Tylenol around the clock and my doctor said not to take Ibuprofen and I would do all of the exercises they said like the

deep breathing, laying on your belly and I would do all of that stuff and it still kicked my butt."

"You know I felt good (at times in the hospital). I would take off my oxygen and run to the bathroom and run back and put the oxygen back on and I literally couldn't breathe. I didn't want to bother the nurses because I knew how busy there were. Then one of the nurses came in and told me that my oxygen was really low and I needed to keep it on the whole time."

"The woman who was next to me who came in a couple of days, she worked at a Nursing Home and their PPE, she said they came in with coffee filters and stapled them on as little straps and to me that's crazy."

During those few days in the hospital when things were pretty bad, Connors still didn't know if or when she would see Kevin and their son Patrick again.

"My poor husband. When I was at the hospital and would facetime him, he would get teary eyed because he kept saying that he didn't know if it was the last time he would see me," said Laura, "but I kept telling him I was fine and I just need some oxygen. I think positivity definitely helped, but it was a tough go for sure."

On May 6th, Laura returned home - which came three days before her birthday. She stayed in the guest room at her

CONNORS B7W

Rubin drafts up some reachable goals

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WILMINGTON - When asked about her future plans, Carissa Rubin said that she wanted to go to college and study marketing, before letting off a little giggle.

"My dream job - I'm a huge (New England) Patriots fan - would be the sports marketing director for the Pats. I've grown up being a die hard fan and a movie that I love is 'Draft Day.' Being Jennifer Gardner's (character) in that movie is a dream of mine. I want to be her."

Certainly that's not a pipe dream since after all one of her teammate's aunt, Jill Murphy, a former WHS soccer player, held that position a handful of years ago.

And while that's a big goal for Rubin to accomplish down the line, she reached a very important goal that she had set out for herself during her junior cross-country season.

"I still look back at it and always smile thinking of how magical that day was for me," said Rubin.

She was talking about her final meet of last season, competing at the Eastern Mass Division 4 Meet at the Wrentham Developmental Course. There she broke 22 minutes for the first time, finishing at 21:57, which was well over a minute better than the race a week prior to that (at a much tougher course) at the Middlesex League Championship Meet.

"Breaking 22 minutes was a huge goal of mine the whole season and it took to the last minute of the season to get it," she said. "In both years, my personal best times came at Wrentham, so I'm definitely sad that I will miss out on running there for my senior season. It's definitely a special place for me so I will always hold those memories very close to me."

She will always have those memories, but now going into her senior year, she's hoping to create more of them, despite all of the changes due to the pandemic. With a much smaller and inexperienced roster, and having to run with masks on every day, while somehow trying to keep social distancing intact, this very mature and articulate young lady, just wants to continue to do something that she loves to do.

"I did soccer my freshman year and I then after I was on the winter and spring track teams, I made the switch over to cross-country (for my sophomore year)," she said. "Originally I was a soccer and lacrosse player and I joined track just for something else to do and I haven't gone back to those other sports since."

"I love the team atmosphere of (cross-country and track). Immediately when I joined, I knew it was the most team-oriented group that I have ever been a part of. The leadership from not just my freshman year but the other years was outstanding and I just really like running. I like how it's individual for your races as opposed to soccer or lacrosse - if somebody makes a bad mistake, everyone else gets mad at you. It's just a different outlook that I wasn't used to and ended up falling in love with."

That leadership that she was under during her younger years, she hopes is the same kind that she can provide to the current ninth graders and lone eighth grader.

RUBIN B8W



Among the captains of the WHS Cross-Country teams include, Carissa Rubin of the girls team and Sean Riley of the boys team. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Boys and Girls Cross-Country Previews

Both teams gearing up for a big run in the Middlesex League

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WILMINGTON - Forgive Brian Schell if he seemed a bit frustrated.

No one can really blame him for feeling that way.

For the past handful of years, Schell has done a remarkable job rebuilding both the Wilmington High School Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams.

The past two years, the boys teams have enjoyed a number of program bests, including back-to-back second place finishes at the Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet, as well as program best records at the Middlesex League and All-State Meets as well.

On the girls side, the numbers have grown over the last few years and the team has managed to take home some league wins and have strong personal performances during the post-season meets.

Today, things are totally different. The season is starting late and there's all kinds of new rule changes all due to the pandemic. One of those changes is all of the kids have to wear a mask while running, which has forced about five kids to leave the programs, saying it's too difficult for them to run with the mask on their faces.

The boys (3-2 last year) team lost 18 total kids from last year - 12 seniors graduated, one current senior left to go play soccer and five others didn't return. That leaves a team of just 11 kids, with six of those 11 either in ninth grade or seventh grade - as the program was granted the waiver by the MIAA to have junior high kids on the teams.

The girls (2-3 last year) team lost 10 athletes from last year, five who graduated and five who didn't

return, leaving a squad of ten runners, again with half of those either as freshmen or in the eighth grade.

"Just the way I like to coach, everything that I have built up with this being my sixth year, I just feel like everything that I have put together (the previous five years) is gone in just one season," said Schell. "It's supposed to be one gelled team, boys and girls and now everything is split again and it's just gotten crazy with that."

With the rule changes, Schell and volunteer assistant Joe Patrone now have 21 combined kids, who have to be split up into a number of groups during practices - which now are forced to just three times a week.

"Three practices a week, it's tough. You really can't teach these younger kids new things in three days especially when we have to separate into small groups. If you want to work with everybody, you can only do that with certain kids on certain days - three days is not enough to help these younger kids," he said.

"Thankfully I have a good amount of freshmen and newcomers to both the boys and girls teams this year. Usually I get one per team. We also have the seventh and eighth graders so we have a very young boys team in particular and I have some good numbers for the girls."

"They want us working in small groups, so for me I try to work with the group that has the younger kids a little bit more, so then I don't really get to work with the varsity kids. They kind of lose that coach-athlete relationship and you lose the chance to talk to them and even socialize with

them. Ideally, they want you to disperse once practice is over. You don't get a chance to hone in on what happened on a road run - maybe something went wrong?"

Besides the changes at practice, meets will be different as the runners will go out in waves, and Schell said the order and time of those has yet to be decided by the league. On top of that, like it was previously mentioned, every runner must have a mask on.

"With the masks on, certainly you will not be able to compete at peak level. I did a 400-meter run with the mask on and after it was over, I looked down and just said, 'I can't do this', so how do I expect these younger kids who are not in that kind of shape yet to do something like this? The masks are brutal," he said. "You can't race at peak performance, you can't train at peak performance, so basically this season is not going to be about personal records or anything like that. This season will be more about staying healthy, having fun and doing that is tough. Having fun is what you always want for the kids, but how can you do that when you have to socially distance? When you think the kids earned a fun day (of practice) you can't even play a simple game of tag because you can't be touching each other. Stuff like that makes some of the fun disappear more."

"I think I've already had five people quit because of the masks because they are scared about their health and I can't blame them. It stinks. The masks has brought a lot of discomfort and you can see the agony of the kids eyes during workouts and road runs."

Despite all of those obstacles, Schell said 'it is what it is' and he has to work with the hand he has been dealt.

"On the bright side with the boys team, we have a lot of young kids," he said. "The seventh graders got the opportunity this year once we got the waiver so those kids who took advantage of that, they are going to make the best of it. I'm already impressed with some of them right now at that age. I think I also have four or five freshmen boys. It's good to have numbers. In the past two or three years we've only had one, maybe two freshmen come out. These kids

definitely seem like they have it in them."

"It's definitely a great way to rebuild the boys program with all of these young kids. We have had great success the last few years and that's what makes it fun for me as a coach, getting the younger kids and being able to work with them (for at least four years) and moving forward."

The boys team includes seniors Sean Lydon and Sean Riley, juniors Zachary Weinstein and Jayden DeFrancesco, sophomore Christian Niceforo, freshmen Roman Moretti, Sean Patrone, Thomas Burns and Tobechi Amakor, as well as seventh graders David Dynan and Jake Cronin.

While it may take some time for the boys program to get back to competing with the rest of the ML on a consistent basis, the girls team could be a relative surprise.

"I have a strong girls' team. Going back to the middle school, Addison Hunt is there and she has lot of potential. She's in the eighth grade so she will probably be our top runner. Then I have Olivia Erler and Katie McLaughlin, who are back after last year so I feel that we have a good 1-2-3 punch with those three."

"We also have Carissa (Rubin) and Angie (Zaykovskaya), who runs just as fast as Katie does on the track in terms of the 600 and the 800 and races like that, and the way Katie developed last fall and built up her endurance, I can see Angie do the same thing if she continues. I could see that being a 1-2-3-4 punch with Carissa right there as well. I have a good five runners and we could do some damage. Maybe we can have our first winning record."

The girls team includes seniors McLaughlin and Rubin, juniors Erler and Zaykovskaya, sophomore Talina Khalil, freshmen Mia Sryhalaleck, Sofia Pitzen, Elliana Chronopoulos and Hannah Bryson, as well as Hunt.

Also part of the two programs but not competing includes Samuel Juergens and Jeandre Abel on the boys side and then Kaitlyn Doherty, Sarah LaVita and Kayla Flynn on the girls side.

Both teams will open their season on Saturday against Burlington.

Riley making the adjustments to the longer runs

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WILMINGTON - Back in February, Sean Riley, then a junior, pulled off the an incredible feat. Seeded ninth, he ran a six second personal record to finish second in the 1,000 meters during the Division 4 Eastern Mass indoor track meet.

Now seven months later - amid the country's pandemic - Riley is back running, but this time he won't get the chance to compete for any individual titles since there won't be any post-season meets this fall. However, he still has two goals in mind.

First, he wants to break the course record during this cross-country season. Secondly and more importantly, he wants to help the other eight underclassmen enjoy this bizarre season and try to rebuild the program to where it was the last two years, finishing second overall at the D4 Eastern Mass Meets.

"That's the goal, the course record," he said. "My best time here last year was 16:20 and Greg (Adamek who broke it last year) has the record at 15:56 so it's 24 seconds. I believe I can do it. Actually, I would like to get down to the mid 15s."

He will have to do that with a mask on - certainly not ideal - all the while doing it as a distance runner, when he really excels in much shorter races.

"Cross-Country is always a bit of a struggle for me because I'm more of a track guy," he said. "I like training for long distance. I don't get sick after the races so that helps. It's weird for me as in the state meets I'm more competitive than I would like to be because that's the nature of me being a middle distance runner, but I like cross-country. It's 100 percent different than track. I just make due and roll with it because I love running."

And he loves being a part of this program and hopes everybody else who joins shares those same feelings.

"We lost a lot of people from last year's team, but we have some new faces who have come along so we're pretty excited for that," he said. "I'm just looking more towards the new kids stick to cross-country and they love the sport. I'm just trying to look out for the team's future more so than anything else at this point since this is more of a transition year."

During this transition year, the rules are different. There's just a handful of dual meets, which won't be organized the same way as the meets will feature groups of runners going out at different times, and all wearing a mask.

"Just like it's been for the past five months or however long (the pandemic has been going on), it's been tough but we are all happy to be here so we are all willing to accommodate the rules in place so we're making due," he said, nothing that he has an older sister Caitlyn and two younger half brothers Matthew and Andrew. "Personally, I've gotten used (to wearing the mask)."

"Generally, I'm just looking at things more positively, than negatively because we have had so much negativity since (the pandemic) started. It's just too tiresome to look at things negatively anymore."

During the time when the restrictions were lifted, Riley said he was able to come down to the high school and get some workouts in with some of his teammates as well as out on the streets running about 45 miles per week.

RILEY B8W

Gillis heading off to Instructional League

On Tuesday morning the Milwaukee Brewers announced their instructional league roster will include Wilmington resident Jackson Gillis.

Gillis, who was drafted in June of 2019, has yet to appear in a professional game yet as he was assigned to minor league camp after last year's draft to just workout with the organization and this year's minor league sea-

son was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Gillis, a left-hander who was drafted in the 13th round, is one of 54 players named to the instructional league roster and one of 27 pitchers.

Gillis was drafted as a junior at Vanderbilt University which came after four years of pitching at Wilmington High School.



The captains of the WHS Golf team includes Sam Cedrone, left, and Colin Gates, right. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Despite strong effort, co-ed golf team falls in all three matches

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WILMINGTON - When you are in the midst of a losing streak, it seems that every little thing goes against you. That has certainly been the case for the Wilmington High Co-Ed Golf team for the past couple of seasons, as they suffered through a winless campaign last season and are off to an 0-3 start this year.

Granted in some of those matches last season, particularly against Middlesex League Liberty Division opponents, the Wildcats were simply overmatched. But in others, it seemed that if just one or two holes had gone their way, they could have stopped their losing streak.

That was the case once again for the Wildcats in their first week of this season, as they dropped their first three matches in rather frustrating fashion. The Wildcats opened their season last Monday with a 40-32 loss at home at Hillview Country Club against Middlesex Freedom Division rival Watertown, before hitting the road on Tuesday against the same opponent and suffering a 38-34 loss at Oakley Country Club.

They followed up those two losses with a 46.5-26.5 defeat at the hands of traditional Middlesex League power Burlington back at Hillview. Despite the lopsided nature of the loss to Burlington, the Wildcats actually played pretty well in defeat, posting some of their lowest scores of the season, and keeping the match much closer than last season, when they suffered a 62-10 defeat to the Red Devils.

"I told the kids at practice today, (Tuesday), that we could look at it one way or the other, that either they got worse or we got better," Wilmington coach Steve Lynch said. "We certainly improved over last season, so that was good to see. I thought we played pretty well."

The Wildcats were led by the efforts sophomore Owen Mitchell, who shot a 41 out the number one position where he was filling in for senior co-captain Sam Cedrone. Junior Matt Vinal, who has steadily worked his way up the lineup this past week, also fired a 41 from the number three spot. Cedrone meanwhile, who is working back from an injury that kept him out of the season opening match against Watertown, looked to be pretty healthy on Monday, when he shot a 38 from the number two slot.

Junior Rhannon Dymant kept pace with her teammates, by shooting a 40 from the number four spot, as did junior Nate Packer in the number five slot.

The low scores were the good news for the Wildcats. The bad news was that despite all those low scores, the Wildcats were unable to win any of those head to head matches, with Dymant's 4.5-4.5 tie at number four the best they could manage.

"The kids played well, but Burlington is a good team," Lynch said. "If we shoot those kind of scores consistently we will win some matches."

The Wildcats scores weren't quite as good in their matches with Watertown last week, but there were some standouts despite the losses.

Mitchell was once again

filling in for Cedrone, who had to miss the match due injury, and he shot a 46 while losing his match 5.5-3.5. The Wildcats did get wins from their three, four and five players on the day, with Dymant shooting a 43 to win her match 5.5-3.5, while Packer won by the same score when he shot a 41 and Vinal rolled to a 7-2 win while shooting a 44.

The next day at Oakley, Mitchell bounced back by shooting a 42 to earn a 6-3 victory at number one over the same player who had beaten him the day before. For the second day in a row, Vinal won by a 7-2 score from the number five slot.

It was not enough however, and the Wildcats dropped both matches to get their season off to a tough start. While there were some strong performances, Lynch felt his team had missed a couple of opportunities to pick up wins.

"I thought we could have fared better against Watertown," Lynch said. "The past few years we have been pretty evenly matched. I thought we had improved from last season, but it was not meant to be."

While there have been some good performances at the top of the lineup, Lynch knows they will need a more consistent effort throughout their lineup if they are going to start picking up some wins.

"We need some help on the back end of our lineup," Lynch said. "Somebody has to step up. Until that changes, it could be tough for us to get wins."

WHS Field Hockey team opens with the win

Five different goal scorers find the back of the net to lead 'Cats past Devils

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WILMINGTON - After waiting and waiting for the season to start, it took just 40 seconds before the Wilmington High School Field Hockey team found the back of the net.

Junior Celia Kulis came down the left side with the ball, chipped it past a defender, before moving closer to the net, and in doing so she rifled a strong shot to the far right side, about knee high for an impressive tally, coming within the first minute of the shortened and different season due to COVID-19.

That goal, as well as tallies from four other teammates, lifted the Wildcats to a dominating 5-1 victory over Burlington played at Alumni Field on Saturday morning.

Wilmington took advantage of the new 7-on-7 scenario by utilizing their overall team speed, skills and passing abilities, which in turn gave Kulis, Ida Bishop, Rita Roche, Zoe DeRose and Gabriella Monteforte goals.

"Yes that was nice (to have five different goal scorers)," said head coach Leanne Ebert. "It shows that they are a team and that they all need each other. Some players are

naturally stronger than others, but they all need each other and rely on each other for different things and I think they did a great job.

"Even with Zoe (DeRose), who predominately plays defense, I popped her up on the forward line and she went up there and did a great job. Sometimes we're going to have to do that, switch some kids around."

After the quick goal by Kulis, the score remained the same until about 12 minutes later when Roche sent a nice pass off to Bishop, who at the right side of the net, drove the ball to the back of the net for what turned out to be the game winner.

Wilmington led 2-0 after the first of four 15-minute periods. That score remained that way through the second quarter, before the 'Cats added two in the third and then each team grabbed one goal each in the fourth.

"I'm pleased with them. They came out strong," said Ebert. "In the second quarter, Burlington poured it on some and then at halftime we talked about it. We talked about putting into play some of the things that we have been working on in practice. Then we came out of halftime and they did that

exactly. The girls did a great job with the 7-vs-7, spreading out, passing, communicating, using the field and the back passes as they were able to swing it, and recovering (to get back on defense).

"Just all in all, I was really pleased with their performance especially to switch to this kind (of different play) with all that they are going through and all that's going on. So I was really pleased to see them come out as strong as they did today."

Roche, Bishop and Chase Andersen each had an assist and goalie Johanna Robinson made two saves for the win.

In last week's edition, Ebert had said at the time that she hadn't decided the other members of her team, just the 15 returners. Since publication, she has and the other members include: senior Antonia Brunetto with juniors Nokomis Bramantecohen, Shea Cushing, Gabriella Monteforte, Alyssa Rago and Allison Rebeiro.

Wilmington will travel to Burlington for a game on Saturday morning before hosting Wakefield on Monday morning with both games slated to begin at 11:00 am.

Coach Connors: Sticking a fork in COVID-19

FROM B5W

house and that certainly was not easy for anybody.

"My poor son was OK, but he kept trying to come and see me when I was in the house and Kevin would try to stop him and saying 'you can't go in there'. I was facetimeing my friends and they were just all really shocked and it hit hard," she said.

Connors believes that she contracted the virus while at work.

"We had to go to other units to help out because my unit is a med surg unit so we had to go to the higher ends to help out. On my unit, they let would patients come up and we never knew who came and we think some of the people that we were working with were positive. We just didn't know at the time. We weren't doing everything on my unit because my unit was the clean unit."

"I was off for three days and I got a high fever during the middle of the night and that was it and I was out of work for three to four weeks. Luckily my husband's work was afraid of people going in so he was able to stay home with our son. My husband never caught it, my son never caught it which is amazing to me."

"I was around my husband and my son for three straight days before I knew I had it and neither

of them got it so it just goes to show that washing your hands and wearing a mask works, but that you can also be with each other."

It took a few days before her oxygen levels kicked up, but Connors rebounded rather nicely to what certainly was a pretty scary situation.

"She was really sick for a while," said Ebert. "She came home and she was on oxygen but she said she felt like a million bucks. She had to work her way back up and she recovered fully. Now she's back at work and doing everything that she normally would do, juggling with life, being a mom and coaching."

Ebert and Connors (who were featured in a Town Crier article back in October of 2015) have been best friends for over 40 years. They played field hockey and softball (and one year as hockey cheerleaders) together during their days at WHS, graduating in 1992.

After that, they spent two years together in college, lived in North Carolina during the same time after college, and were each other's maid of honor. Now they are in their eighth year coaching together.

"Clearly I have always thought very highly of Laura," said Ebert. "To

see her go through that clearly tugged at my heart. It was pretty scary. As much as I tease her, I have so much respect for her, especially as an adult with everything that has gone on and everything she has dealt with and all that she has overcome in her life. To now go through that as a family is tough but right back to work she goes and right back to life she goes."

"She always jokes that she has followed me around, but really she is the one who is such a model and who people should take a page out of her book and life live like she does."

Connors was asked what message would she give after going through what she did.

"I say you got to live and keep going. I think now, the doctors have a better understanding of how to treat it than we did before. People die from pneumonia and the flu and I know that this is a little bit different, but you have to keep on living because there's all kinds of things that you can die from. You have to be careful and smart about it and there's always going to be nurses and people who care for you, but you have to go and do your thing."

Piazza playing well but Wilmington falls to Billerica

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WILMINGTON - One tough inning told the story in an otherwise close game between two good teams, as Wilmington's High School Fall Ball team lost to Billerica by a score of 5-1.

The game would remain scoreless until the top of the fourth inning. Wilmington catcher Nico Piazza would get the offense started, roping a double to left centerfield.

First baseman and pitcher Jimmy McCarron would follow that with an RBI single, scoring Piazza from second base, giving Wilmington a 1-0 lead.

Head coach Marc Gallucci sung high praises for Piazza, who is in his senior year.

"[Nico] has been a rock behind the plate, he commands the field, he calls a great game, keeps everyone in line, he's awesome in that regard," Gallucci said. "He's hitting for a little more power right now than he has in the past, gets those one or two timely hits a game, he's been doing well."

On the pitching side, Jack Toomey sailed through the first two innings, only allowing one hit and one walk on his short outing.

Jimmy McCarron came in relief for Toomey. He

pitched a great bottom of the third for Wilmington.

The bottom of the fourth was where McCarron ran into some trouble. Jimmy gave up four runs on five hits, and Billerica's bats finally woke up, giving them a 4-1 lead.

Despite the hiccup, Gallucci was happy how McCarron worked through adversity.

"[We] just had a pitcher that wasn't hitting his spots and they hit some balls they had some seeing eye singles, that had some timely hits," said Gallucci. "These things happen, try to let him work through it, we're in Fall Ball, we're trying to get these kids some work,

see if they can work through issues."

Joey Dynan came in relief for McCarron and surrendered another run, giving Billerica a 5-1 lead. But, he was able to settle down and stop the bleeding to get out of the inning.

Dynan dominated the next two innings, giving up no runs, no walks, and striking out five Billerica batters.

Jacob Roque was the fourth pitcher Wilmington used on the day. He did not give up a run in two innings as well.

Wilmington tried to get back in the game, as they had at least one baserunner an inning the rest of

the game, including in the top of the ninth.

Nate Packer and Peter DiAdamo both hit singles in their last at-bats. But Billerica pitching buckled down and were able to get outs when they counted, giving Wilmington their second straight loss by a score of 5-1.

This was the second straight game Wilmington let the score get away from them. But, Marc Gallucci said he was proud of the team's continued effort to fight until the final out.

"They're not depressed, they are just going out there swinging the bat trying to make comebacks," he said.

As far as Gallucci's overall assessment of the game: "I think we pitched well overall, we had one tough inning, and that was the thing that made the difference in the game," he said.

"We gotta tighten up what we are doing early in the game, trying to get some runs earlier, so we are not putting ourselves in this situation, I like the attitude of the kids for the most part."

Wilmington will go on the road once again to take on Tyngsboro on Sunday, with first pitch scheduled for 10 a.m.

Soccer season starts off on the right foot -- both teams come away with victories

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Heading into Saturday's (delayed) season opener, no one really knew what to expect from this fall soccer season. Under an abbreviated schedule and new rules, you really couldn't picture a game until it finally happened.

And when the whistles finally went off, one thing you quickly realized is that this year's Wilmington High School girls' soccer team is pretty darn good and should be a force to be reckon with in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

The 'Cats scored single goals in the first, second and fourth quarters (20 minutes long each) which was more than enough to walk off Alumni Field with a 4-1 victory over Burlington.

"Scoring four goals is always a great way to start the season," said WHS head coach Sue Hendee. "I thought we dominated possession and we had many other opportunities to score. Their second keeper made some spectacular saves and it could have easily been six or seven goals for us, especially stopping a few of the breakaways on Alyssa Granara."

After Burlington goalie Marina Callahan stopped Granara's shot with a nice diving save to her right just minutes into the game, the 'Cats got on the board midway through the first quarter. Amber Flynn made a great pass across to the far side and

Kali Almeida came streaking in, winning the volley with a solid 1-touch shot to the far right side of the net.

Flynn made it 2-0 when she blasted a direct kick from 35 yards out with 14 minutes left in the second. The third quarter was scoreless, before things opened up in the fourth with single tallies again from Almeida and Flynn, this one from 25 yards out.

"We had good balance in terms of the types of goals we scored," said Hendee. "Amber had her long kicks and then Kali's two goals were fantastic. She just timed her runs perfectly and was in the right place at the right time, especially the first one with that volley. We haven't even practiced volleys yet."

Audrey Curdo, Granara and Kaitlyn Maguire each had an assist and goalie Tori Gemellaro picked up the win as she made two saves.

"Overall, we really haven't had a lot of time to practice and despite that I think the girls looked good," said Hendee. "There are things that we need to work on - (first) touches were off and that's to be expected. As far as team plays goes, I thought we connected a lot and we looked a lot more seasoned than we would at this (early) part of the season."

Wilmington will travel to Burlington on Saturday and then host Wakefield Monday morning. Both games are scheduled for 9 am.



The captains on this year's WHS Girls Soccer team includes from left to right, Jenna Sweeney, Tori Gemellaro and Amber Flynn. (courtesy photo).

BOYS SOCCER

New season, new beginnings and new milestones to reach.

On Saturday morning, the Wilmington High School boys' soccer team opened the abbreviated season with a solid 2-0 win over Burlington in a Middlesex League Freedom Division contest.

The win coming in game number one, equaled the win total of all of last year - in 18 games.

"It was great playing again and we were thrilled to get the win," said head coach Steve

Scanlon.

The coach said the game started off slowly with neither putting a shot on net in the first 20 minutes. Momentum changed a bit in the next 20 minutes with Wilmington controlling a lot of the possession and getting a few scoring opportunities, but couldn't get one past their keeper and the game was scoreless at the halftime break.

The 'Cats then played much better in the second half. Aidan McGrath gave a nice feed ahead to DJ Ricupero, who tallied his first goal of the season and then three minutes later, McGrath and Anay

Gandhi were awarded assists as they set up Owen Surette's insurance goal, making it 2-0.

"(Our goalie) Justin Healey was not called on to make any saves in his first clean sheet of the season," said Scanlon. "Alex Fitzler played well after returning from missing last season with an ACL tear."

Scanlon, as well as many other soccer coaches in the area, are not in favor of all of the rule changes and modifications, but he said that overall from the referees to the kids, the opener wasn't what he really expected.

"The players did a good adjusting to the new rules and the refs called a smart game, allowing the game to have some flow," he said. "They worked with the players and made sensible calls to keep player's safe. Things were better than I suspected they would be."

Wilmington will be home on Saturday against the same Burlington team before traveling to take on Wakefield two days later on the holiday. Both games are scheduled for 9 am starts.

Carissa Rubin drafts up some reachable goals

FROM B6W

"I remember my first year on the leaders on the team like Lailoo (Perriello) and Lexi (Luna) had a big impact on me and why I love the sport as much as I do. From both cross-country and track, there was outstanding leadership (from those former captains and seniors) so I'm just excited to show the new kids on this team the course and show them the ropes of this sport."

Rubin was able to manage to do some - not as much as she would have liked - off-season training with her current teammates, including being a big help to those younger runners. Her training started later than usual, not because of the restrictions of being at home because of COVID, but being somewhere else due to the virus.

"It was a stressful time but I was actually working as a receptionist at a nursing home in Lexington, so I had a total different outlook of (the virus) - just seeing families that couldn't be together and their frustrations," she described. "It was definitely hard and they were all so desperate.

I was working seven days a week for the first four months of (the pandemic), so it was definitely really hard."

She was asked how much the nursing home was hit with the virus.

"There were a lot of cases at that home including staff and patients. It was hard answering the phones and dealing with the families who just wanted to see their loved ones and couldn't. It was heartbreaking. Just knowing the relationship that I have with my grandparents and the thought of not being able to be with them, see them, spend birthdays with them and holidays with them. That was definitely tough and it did take a toll on me.

"It was also insightful to see how this virus has impacted so many people and it teaches you how to be grateful for everything that you have in your life. That's why it's kind of frustrating right now when you see people refusing to wear masks. I have seen what it really does to people and those who are affected with it."

She added that her father, Jeff, works at the same nursing home in the



CARISSA RUBIN

maintenance department, and luckily he never contacted COVID-19.

"I wasn't working directly with the people who had it, but my father works in the maintenance department and he was actually going into the rooms of the people who had it, so that was really scary for me. If he got it, he could have spread it to

my whole family, so all of that was definitely something that was scary and still is, but as of right now there are no cases there so that's a great sign," she said.

Since both of them are safe and healthy, Carissa was able to get a good six week of workouts and training in, mostly during the mornings before she headed off to her job.

"Carissa is a great runner and she too has done a lot of work to get ready for this season," said head coach Brian Schell. "One of the big things that she did was she helped the younger girls when they came to the summer workouts. She showed them around with the streets and the routes and just getting them ready for the season. Some of the freshmen have already come into this season looking poised and like they know what they are doing so I can thank Carissa for taking care of that. She's done a great job of leading, especially

with these younger girls."

The Wildcats' season will get underway on Saturday with a meet against Burlington. It will be the first official meet that Rubin and her teammates will run 5,000 meters with a mask covering their face - although if the runners are six feet apart during the race the mask can be moved down off their faces.

"It's been difficult to train with the mask and to get oxygen to all parts of my body," she admitted. "My main focus is just to be and stay healthy and accommodate myself to all of these new rule changes and style of running. It's really hard because the masks just dries everything up - your breathing dries up and you are trying to get oxygen so you can pump your legs and your arms, so it definitely has been challenging.

"We have tried to do things with social distancing - I know once you get into the woods and you

are six feet apart, you can take it down. But wearing the mask has been a struggle and I think it'll continue to be a struggle for the next few months."

When the cross-country season comes to an end, hopefully there will be an indoor track season and after that hopefully an outdoor track season. As much as she loves the cross-country season, those two track seasons will mean more to her for one major reason, her younger sister Lily.

"She is a junior and she does winter and spring track," said Carissa. "She likes doing the throwing and the shot put. We are best friends. It's great that we are so close in age so we can go through the same motions in life together. It's really fun having a best friend built in like that. When we were able to be together on the track teams, that was really fun as well. It was different, but I really enjoyed it."

Back in 1978, Football team booted Methuen in a thriller

Since there's no high school football season this fall, the Town Crier has been publishing archive game stories of old WHS Football games, matching up the current week's game. Below is the week four game from the October 11th, 1978 edition with the Wildcats defeating Methuen.

By TOWN CRIER STAFF

An improved Wilmington defense held off the resurgent Methuen Ranger offense and junior halfback Chris Briggs set up a touchdown with a 44-yard scamper and booted a 34-yard field goal as the Wildcats picked up win number two in the MVC with a 9-6 conquest of the Rangers at the WHS gridiron Saturday.

The Wildcats got out of the game early after tak-

ing the opening kickoff to their own 30 Briggs took off on his sweep that rolled to the Methuen 25. Five plays later, sophomore halfback Matt Phillips banged in for a seven yard touchdown and the 'Cats had a 6-0 lead with 7:47 left to play in the first quarter. The extra point try failed as Briggs missed a rare conversion.

Senior fullback Tim Moran helped spark the TD drive with a five-yard pickup to the Methuen seven on a fourth down situation.

The Wildcat defense came of age late in the first quarter as they shut down a Ranger threat with a classic goal line stand. Methuen mounted its first serious drive of the game after an exchange of punts in the first quarter.

The Rangers kept the ball on the ground with senior quarterback Kevin Bradley handing the ball off to fullback Ron McGrath and Jon Morin. The visitors advanced the ball to the one yard line where the 'Cats shut down an inside plunge to regain possession.

The 'Cats played ball control in the second quarter as the Rangers had the ball for just four plays while Wilmington worked away at the clock.

The defense set up the second WHS scoring opportunity of the game when Rick Ballou recovered a fumble at the Methuen 30 and junior WHS quarterback John Robarge hit his ace receiver Dave Woods with a pass at the 11 yard line.



SEAN RILEY

Riley making adjustments to the longer runs

FROM B6W

Those days certainly perked him up.

"Almost every single weekday morning around 8:30, we would come down here (to the high school) and we were safe and all of that. We just came out and busted out the miles because that's what summer is all about, your off-season training," he said.

This year Riley will be the team's No. 1 runner, and head coach Brian Schell said that he has come a long way.

"Sean is a great kid and he's the only one on the boys team who has been a part of the (varsity line-up) all four years," said the coach. "Over the summer he put in a lot of miles. He really increased his mileage a lot with some long runs. I know he did some 12 mile runs and even did a 15-mile one. He put in a lot of work over the summer. I know he wants (better results)."

"He's had success in track with the 1,000 and the 600. He's not necessarily a 5K runner, but he's got all of the speed that he

needs that you see in track and all of the endurance that he has built up over the summer will obviously pay off. He looks very solid coming into the season."

Riley's off-season training, he hopes, helps him improve his time, all the while get ready for what he hopes to be another successful track season.

"It's nice to find success in anything you do, but track has been pretty great for me personally," he said. "Growing up, I played pretty much every sport with the exception of ice hockey and lacrosse. The common theme in all of those things was I was usually fast. I did play freshman basketball but I got cut during sophomore year, so that's why I went to track. I was always planning to do winter track my junior year anyway, but you never know. I ended up doing it sophomore year and was way more successful at it than I thought I was going to be."

Scott Oberg has successful surgery; anticipates being ready for Spring Training

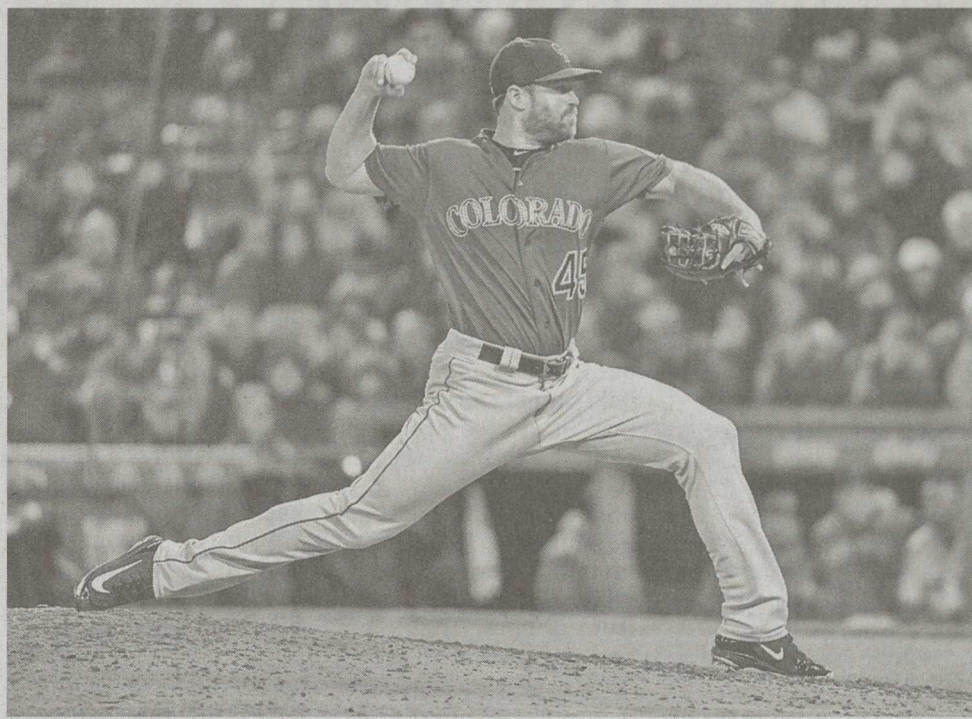
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Back on August 18th, 2019, the Colorado Rockies shut down Scott Oberg for the rest of the season due to 'axillary artery thrombosis'. That was a devastating blow to the organization as Oberg - who had just taken over the closer's role - was one of the best relief pitchers in all of baseball.

Shortly after that announcement, the Tewksbury High Hall of Famer went to Missouri and underwent two surgeries with the hopes that blood clots in his right (pitching) arm would subside. Two years earlier he had the same issue.

After successful surgery and then a rehabilitation process, Oberg was healthy when spring training began this past February. COVID-19 pushed the season back to early August, and that's when Oberg first went through some minor back problems landing him on the disabled list to begin the season. On August 2nd, he was throwing off the mound during a simulated game as he was trying to get back to the big league club. That session quickly came to a halt as Oberg had injured his right pitching hand. He walked off the field and would later have his hand and middle finger examined. It was determined that he had ischemia, which is when blood doesn't flow properly to parts of the body, AKA, blood clots. That unfortunately ended his season.

After some speculation that this could possibly be it for Oberg, he said 'absolutely no way'. He elected for additional surgery which was performed on August 23rd. He is now gearing up for more rehab so he can get back on the mound and be the dominant relief pitcher that he had been during the 2018 and '19 seasons.



Tewksbury's Scott Oberg, shown during a game last year at Fenway, is recovering from surgery and anticipates being ready for Spring Training.

(file photo/Colorado Rockies).

"Surgery was successful and I've had about a full week of physical therapy in and moving in the right direction," he said when reached by phone last Friday from his home in New Jersey. "I still have some swelling and some soreness, but I felt like I have already made some good strides in the seven or eight days that I've been post (operated on) already. We are just working range of motion until I get clearance from the doctor that I can do weights."

Oberg went to the University of Pennsylvania to have the surgery which was done by Dr. Darren Schneider, who is considered a national leader in vascular surgery. Schneider took out Oberg's first - and highest - rib under his right shoulder. This was done to help relieve pressure on the nerves and blood vessels. The doctor then performed another surgery, which hopefully this time will prevent future blood clots.

Oberg was asked about the pain or discomfort he felt when he had to walk off the mound of that simulated game and to what

Schneider did during the procedure.

"It was only different in the sense that there was a lot more swelling. It was a little different because (the pain) started up around my neck. My neck movement was kind of restricted and still is a little bit now," he said. "He went into the same spot in my armpit for the other artery, so it's the third time that I've had that done so I kind of knew what to expect there. There's just a little soreness right now so it's just a matter of getting full range of motion fully back."

With this being the third time with the same issues, Oberg was asked if Schneider could pinpoint the exact problem.

"He identified those spots and he saw there was enough pressure. He told me that he can't definitely tell me where they exactly they came from. His guess was it came from the Circumflex Femur Artery - which is right by the shoulder. He saw enough compression with the rib up by the artery so he thought it was worth doing (the surgery). We had some inter-

nal dialogue. We talked about maybe it was worth being a little bit more aggressive this time around and how we didn't want to leave anything left on the table, if we don't have to."

Schneider was also able to diagnose that Oberg didn't have any issues with his nerves - had that been the case, ultimately Oberg would have had a lot more thinking to do.

"I don't think this (rehab process) will be too much different from what I have done before," he said. "It's a little different and I'm fortunate that I didn't have any nerve issues and that's usually when you have to do TOS (Thoracic Outlet Syndrome) when guys have nerve problems and the rehab gets a little tricky because you have to wait for those nerves to calm down."

"Fortunately for me he diagnosed it as Arterial Theratic Outlet, so it's more about letting the scars and your body heal from surgery and getting your range of motion back. We are really not in a position where we have to wait and try to figure out (other things). If I was having nerve issues

that would be a more difficult road to go down so fortunately I don't have to do that."

According to Patrick Saunders of the Denver Post, a number of former and current Major League Baseball pitchers have gone through the same injuries as Oberg, including Matt Harvey and New Hampshire's Chris Carpenter. In both of those cases, those pitchers were not as effective after their surgeries. On the flip side of that, players like Kenny Rogers and Aaron Cook, a former Rockies pitcher, were significantly better after they went under the knife.

"I've been in touch with (Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher) Chris Archer (who had the surgery done before me) a lot," said Oberg. "He and I exchanged some texts and some video chats as well. I think he is three or four months post (operated) at this point. He just told me that he is throwing some weighted balls. I also talked to (Rockies teammate and former Boston Red Sox pitcher) Daniel Bard, as he went through it."

From that time the injury happened on August 2nd until the day he elected to see Schneider and have the procedures, Oberg admitted that emotionally he was all over the place.

"It was difficult. I had gone down this road a few times before. Initially there were just a lot of unanswered questions and I kind of let my mind wonder a little bit, maybe too much. It was definitely a little more emotional this time around," he said.

"Then I started to get some answers back. We ruled out all of the blood work, all of the heart issues and we went through a gauntlet of tests and they all came back negative. At least from an overall health perspective, that was a good sign that we didn't have any extra

drama. We just needed to address the actual issue, go right after it so hopefully I can continue to play for as long as possible."

For the next six-to-eight weeks, Oberg will work on his recovery, getting range of motion back and take on some weight lifting. The plan is for him to start throwing right after Thanksgiving, with the hopes of being ready for spring training in February.

"Hopefully I get the OK from the doctor next week and I get to do some light strengthening and maybe he will give me more of a protocol for a week by week basis," said Oberg. "I'll probably have to see him a few more times over the winter. I'll be on the blood thinners for a couple of months so hopefully I'll start throwing after Thanksgiving, early December so I would say maybe eight weeks from now."

"The goal is to be ready for spring training. The trainers have been open about that we don't have to rush things. Fortunately I'm at a point in my career where I don't necessarily feel like I have to fight as much for a spot on the team. Obviously I still have to fight for certain jobs, but I just have to prove that I can pitch and guys get out again after missing a full year."

"I'm definitely excited to be able to move forward and when I start throwing, as long as everything looks good and feels good, hopefully we will be on the right track moving forward and be read for the season."

Throughout his life, Oberg has dominated on the pitcher's mound whether it's been in high school (Class of 2008) at UConn, in the minor leagues and now with the Rockies, dating back to his debut in April of 2015. He has pitched in playoff

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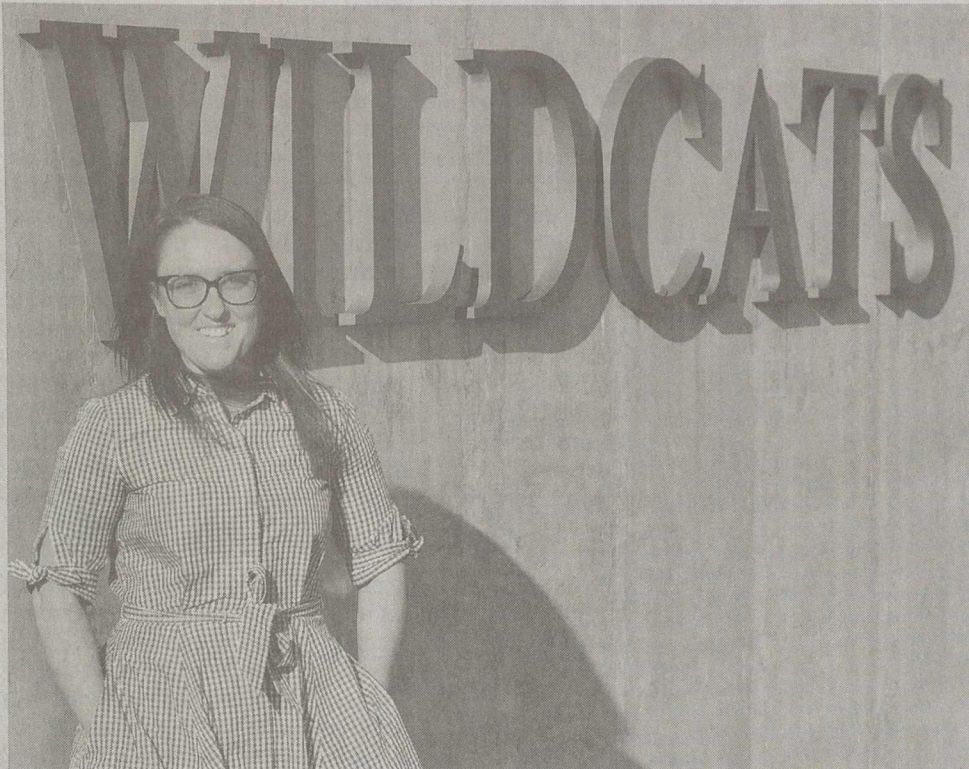
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First year WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio.

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Catching up with the new Athletic Director

FROM B5W

fan story. That'll be open until October 11th so everyone can get some Wilmington gear, since I keep purchasing items."

Assuming Wilmington gets through the next round of games this weekend and Monday with the holiday and the season continues to flow without any hiccups, Muzio said she has three big items on her new list, which need to be addressed soon.

"The (student-athlete) handbook and all of that stuff is ready to go (to be worked on), but it's the handbook and Booster Council which are on our radar," she said. "But like I said we just wanted to get through this week's games to make sure that we were solid on everything that we needed to do. As you can see we taped off six-foot markers in the bleachers, that's how (administrative assistant) Caroline (Gattuso) and I spent our day yesterday. She's also been great."

"We are in a learning curve but I think over the next couple of months and even by the end of this month, we will get to those things."

"The Booster Council is the next big thing on the list. We did work with all of the team's boosters to get them on Hudl which was awesome so now they all have access to film their games, post them

online and kids can see videos and all of that stuff. In addition, we are working on trying to help those non-fall athletes and teams and I can get into more details once I talk to administration. We are working on that but there's a lot of different moving parts."

In addition to those two items, she still needs to find three coaches for the volleyball program.

"We have two candidates who have been both interviewed by me, but now we will put together a panel so maybe in the next two weeks we will have a decision (for the varsity position)," she said. "But we need coaches for all three levels, varsity, junior varsity and freshmen. We are working on it."

"People and kids are anxious which is great that they are invested on finding out who their next coach is going to be."

Muzio was also asked about the possibility of the football players - and other athletes - having the chance to work with Coach Craig Turner in various capacities since their season is not going to get underway until February.

"The Middlesex League voted no out of season coaching and we will be revisiting that at the end of October," she said. "With that said, that does

not mean we can't do non-sports training, but it would have to be for every non Fall-I athlete. It would not be just football specific. We would have to offer it to every non Fall I athlete and it would be more strength and conditioning style. We have gone through to work on coming up with protocols, and again we would have to follow the chain of command and work through that."

"We want to be able to provide something for the non Fall-I athletes. It would be open to any student-athlete who would want to participate. Ultimately, my biggest goal is to get a year-long strength and conditioning program for out of season athletes, that's non-sports specific."

"I just want to be clear with everyone that it would not be football practice. It would be non-sports specific strength and conditioning training for all non Fall-I athletes."

Finally, she was asked about the possibilities of the winter season getting underway.

"The MIAA is currently having those conversations about what the winter sports season will look like. Once it comes out from them, then we will have more conversations about it within our league."

High School Sports Notebook

A lot of different proposals put on the table during MIAA Meetings

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Over the past 7-10 days, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and its various sub-committees have held a number of meetings to discuss a number of items through the different sports.

Starting with volleyball, a number of interesting proposals were put on the table. One of them came from Quincy High boys and girls coach Jacqui Niosi,, who co-sponsored a rule change that would address mixed gender teams. According to Danny Ventura of the Boston Herald, this proposal if passed would "equate restrictions for both genders who do not have the opportunity to play in their traditional season because there is no team offered to them." He gives an example stating, "if a male student-athlete qualified to play on a 7-foot-4 and 1/8 net, but does not have access to a team in the fall, he shall not be allowed to block, attack a ball that is completely above the height of the net from anywhere on the court and a jumper-server would have to have at least part of one foot must be in contact with the floor upon contact of the serve."

This topic will be discussed more in a future meeting.

Another proposal was voted 10-2 in favor of it moving on and that states that penalties for student-athletes who violate the loyalty to high school team rules have their suspensions be reduced from 25 percent of their season to perhaps one game/meet/match.

ICE HOCKEY

Last Wednesday, the MIAA Ice hockey committee met to once again discuss realignments and again several proposals by the subcommittee were rejected by the MIAA Tournament Management Committee, which according to reports, had many of the people involved on both sides frustrated.

According to the Herald, the TMC "prefers to stick to a more rigid alignment model that can be applied across all sports, relying almost exclusively on enrollment to place schools in divisions with certain exceptions to move private schools and co-operative programs up and vocation schools down, the committee believes that hockey presents unique circumstances when it comes to alignment that simply numbers don't do justice."

"If you do everything the way they want to do it, it just turns hockey upside down," said Chairman Dan Shine of Arlington Catholic to the Herald.

While no resolution was finalized for alignments, several rule changes were

also proposed. The Herald states that the first proposal seeks "giving schools the option of playing 17-minute periods, as currently allowed by National Federation of State High School Associations rules, putting Massachusetts in line with other states in the Midwest that have robust hockey participation."

"We are trying to do everything we can to get our kids to stay," added Winthrop AD Matt Serino to the Herald. "Obviously we are not going to be able to add more games to the schedule, so I think this is a good compromise, being able to get kids more minutes like the prep schools are doing. Anything we can do to get our kids to stay and be more engaged in our program is beneficial to all of us."

The second proposal, according to the Herald, "builds on the two-year overtime pilot program that was successfully implemented last winter, asking that it permanently be adopted into the rule book."

Both proposals were recommended unanimously by the committee, with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council having the final say in June.

Other items that were discussed included enforcing rules on goalie masks and possibly going to a three referee system starting in 2021-22. In addition, Falmouth Athletic Director Kathy Burke brought up the "ongoing issue of co-ops in girls hockey". She said the issue is not only in the "amount of programs, but the amount of schools involved in some co-ops." Tewksbury and Methuen have been co-op for several years now and in the same league, Haverhill/Pentucket/-North Andover have formed one team, meaning that program is drawing kids from five communities (Haverhill, NA, Groveland, Merrimack and West Newbury).

Finally, a subcommittee was formed with the intention on possible modifications to ice hockey should the season get underway in November. The concerns would be identifying checking, locker rooms, bench seating and masks.

MORE SPECTATORS?

On Saturday, Wilmington High School hosted both the varsity field hockey and girls' soccer games, and per rules between the state and the Middlesex League, only one parent per student-athlete, can attend games this season and no more than 50 people in total. It felt like a Ghost Town.

Last Tuesday, the MIAA voted 10-8 to ask Governor Charlie Baker and his council to consider

increasing the amount of spectators from 50 to allow more parents and fans to attend high school games. Baker has previously announced that he was increasing the outdoor gathering size to 100 for those communities not in the 'red' and would also allow for 50 percent capacity for indoor and outdoor performances.

Several of the committee members voted against the proposal, expressing concerns that not all schools have the same size and capability for distancing.

Endowment games were unanimously suspended for 2020-2021 season. These contests have been used to schedule an extra game without affecting their overall record.

KELLEY INVITE RETURNS

Last Wednesday, it was announced by Bay State Running that the MIAA approved the first of what hopes to be several more cross-country invitational meets this fall season with the annual Frank Kelley Invationals. This meet will be held on October 18th from 10 am-4 pm, but will take place at the Mark Coogan Course in Highland Park in Attleboro.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a handful of guidelines have been announced for this meet. Those include:

This meet is open only to athletes who are currently enrolled in a Massachusetts High School;

Waves of runners will leave the starting line throughout the day. Wave times have been set to allow runners to maintain social distance throughout the course;

A maximum of 12 athletes will be allowed in each wave;

Each wave will consist of a single gender;

The race distance will be 5 kilometers for all waves;

Due to the course layout and the wave frequency, this meet is designed for girls who can complete a 5-kilometer race in under 25 minutes, and for boys who can complete a 5-kilometer race in under 21 minutes. Athletes who cannot meet these standards should avoid entering this meet;

For the sake of providing a competitive race for as many athletes as possible, some waves will be designated for athletes who have previously attained a particular time on a 5 kilometer cross country course. Only athletes who have met this standard should enter these waves;

Only individual entries will be allowed. Team entries will not be accepted for this meet;

Chip timing will be used for each wave. Athletes will be crossing a mat both at the start and fin-

Wingate, the Irish, defeat Boston College and Syracuse

FROM B5W

ing but Proulx was still keeping them out of the back of the net. Even when Proulx was unable to come up with the save, the crossbar was there to help. Luisa Delgado and Eva Hurm both hit the bar in the second half and kept the Irish from doubling their lead.

Defense led to offense to seal the match for the Irish in the final minutes. Van Zanten put pressure on Proulx prior to her kick and was able to deflect it and settle it inside the box. With a wide open net, Van Zanten calmly put it in the back of the net for her second goal of the match and sixth of the season.

Last Thursday night, the University of Notre Dame women's soccer team opened their home fall at Alumni Stadium against the Boston College Eagles. With the rains coming down during the early part of the game, the Irish (2-1, 2-1 ACC) scored two quick goals in the first half and clamped down defensively en route to a 2-0 victory over the Eagles (0-1, 0-1 ACC).

Notre Dame got out in front with a goal from Sammi Fisher in the 14th minute to give them the early lead. Kiki Van Zanten followed with a goal in the 35th minute to double the lead prior to halftime. In the second half the Irish defense

stood tall against a number of chances from the Eagles to preserve the shutout, their second in as many games.

Notre Dame started on the front foot immediately off the first touch Thursday night against the Eagles. The Irish ripped off the first 14 shots of the half and created a number of opportunities early on.

In the 14th minute, Eva Hurm fired a shot just inside the box that was blocked by an Eagle defender. The ball got back out to Fisher, who after a few touches to her right, fired a shot on goal. The shot got past the BC goalie to her right for the opening goal of the night. It was the second straight game Fisher had the opening goal of the match and her third goal of the season.

The Irish continued the offensive pressure and it led to their second goal of the night in the 35th minute.

Ellie Ospeck started the play by laying the ball off to Hurm on the right flank as she made her way to the corner. After a touch to get separation from her defender, Hurm lofted a cross into the far side of the box. Van Zanten made a wonderful run towards the far post and volleyed the cross under the bar for the second goal of the match. Van Zanten tallied

a goal in the second straight game and has four goals on the year.

Notre Dame held a large margin of shots in the first half and finished the first 45 minutes with a 14-1 edge in shots. The lone Eagle shot of the first half came in the 42nd minute and Mattie Interian was there to make the save.

In the second half, Boston College settled in and started to gain an edge in the possession. Interian thwarted a number of Eagle chances early on to keep them off the scoreboard and keep the two-goal edge for the Irish.

She came up with a big save in the 50th minute after Jenna Bike received the ball in the middle of the box with a look on goal. She fired a low driven ball to Interian's right but she scooped it up for her second save of the night.

Moments later in the 59th minute, Interian was there again to halt the Eagles. Bike had another good look from the left side of the box but Interian sprawled to her left to deflect the ball off the post and away from danger.

The Irish will continue their homestand on the 15th with a matchup against Wake Forest at Alumni Stadium 7 p.m. ET and will be broadcast on the ACC Network Extra.

Where's the Action?

*Throughout this fall sports season, there's expected to be many schedule changes, so you can go to each school's website for up to date changes. Below only the TMHS Cross-Country and Golf team's events are shown, as AD Ron Drouin said a new aschedule would be coming out on Thursday for field hockey, soccer and volleyball.

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Saturday	October 9	V Boys Soccer	vs Burlington	9:00 am
Saturday	October 9	V Girls Soccer	at Burlington	9:00 am
Saturday	October 10	Girls Cross Country	at Burlington	9:00 am
Saturday	October 10	Boys Cross Country	vs Burlington	11:00 am
Saturday	October 10	V Field Hockey	at Burlington	11:00 am
Monday	October 12	V Boys Soccer	at Wakefield	9:00 am
Monday	October 12	V Girls Soccer	vs Wakefield	9:00 am
Monday	October 12	V Field Hockey	at Wakefield	11:00 am
Tuesday	October 13	V Golf	vs Wakefield	3:30 pm
Tewksbury High Sports				
Wednesday	October 14	V Golf	vs Dracut	3:00 pm
Wednesday	October 14	B/G Cross Country	vs Methuen	4:00 pm
Thursday	October 15	V Golf	at Chelmsford	3:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	October 8	B/G Cross Country	at NDA/Fellowship	4:00 pm
Saturday	October 10	V Boys Soccer	at Lowell Catholic	10:00 am
Saturday	October 10	V Girls Soccer	vs Lowell Catholic	11:00 am
Monday	October 12	V Boys Soccer	vs Innovation Academy	11:00 am
Monday	October 12	V Girls Soccer	at Innovation Academy	11:00 am
Wednesday	October 14	V Golf	vs Gr. Lowell	3:00 pm

Shawsheen Tech Golf team off to another hot start

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BILLERICA - It probably should come as no surprise that the Shawsheen Tech Golf team is off to a strong start to the season, as with a strong roster of returning players from last year's CAC championship team, the Rams are once again prohibitive favorites to capture their 16th consecutive league title.

The scary part, however, for the rest of the CAC is that the Rams are still not yet at the top of their game. But despite still having room for improvement in the young season, the Rams are off to a 4-0 start to the season, and seem primed to repeat once again.

This past week Shawsheen picked up two more big league wins in a pair of home matches, downing CAC rival Nashoba Tech at Patriot Golf Course last Thursday

by a score of 125-37, before going back to Patriot on Monday to pick up a 119-100 win over Essex Tech.

In the win over Nashoba, their second blowout win over the Vikings this season, the Rams were led by senior Nolan Rexford who was the overall medalist with a score of 40. They also got big contributions from senior Aiden Sullivan and freshman Matthew Tramonte of Tewksbury with a 43 and senior captain Steven O'Connor of Tewksbury with a 45.

Despite the blowout nature of the score, Shawsheen coach Tom Struthers felt like his team could have played better.

"I thought we played pretty well, but what happens sometimes when you have been playing a lot of golf every day like we have, you start questioning yourself a little bit, and we are going through that now," Struthers said. "Hopefully we will get over that. It is nice hav-

ing the win, I just wish we could have played a little bit better. Sometimes when you play a weaker team, you tend to not play as well, but we have to play a little stronger when we are going against a weaker team."

One player who has been completely on the mark this season has been Tramonte, who even as a freshman has become one of the team's top players.

"Matthew is just a consistent player," Struthers said. "He is at the point where he is consistently shooting a 42 or 43. We would like to see him get down into the high 30's, and I think he is capable of doing that. He is just going to get better."

Essex was the one team thought to be a possible threat to the Rams consecutive run of titles this season, but in the early going of the season, having edged them 145-133 last Wednesday at Reedy Meadows before taking them down again this week at Patriot.

"We always have very competitive matches with Essex," Struthers said. "But sometimes they don't play real well at our course. We have a tough course and it turns teams off a little bit. But 119 is not a really good score for us. If Essex played the way they are capable of, they could have beaten us."

Tramonte led the way for the Rams, shooting a 42, while O'Connor had a 44, and Rexford and Connor Preble of Tewksbury each shot a 45.

The Rams were set to host Lowell Catholic on Wednesday afternoon as the Town Crier went to press. They will also take on Greater Lowell and Lowell Catholic again next week as well.

Struthers knows his team will have to play better if they are going to keep their undefeated record intact against these two quality opponents.

"There is no doubt they are capable of beating us if they play well, but the question is who is going to do better. I want us to show up and play well, and I am confident that we will," Struthers said. "I don't care about how the other team is playing,

I am more worried about how we play. We just need to block everything else out and play our best. We have not done that yet."

GIRLS SOCCER

The Shawsheen Girls Soccer team has yet to pick up a win on the young season, going 0-1-1 in their first two games, but they have played well in both games, a season opening road loss to Greater Lowell last Thursday afternoon, followed by a 1-1 tie with Mystic Valley on Monday of this week at Shawsheen.

In the 3-1 loss to Greater Lowell, the Rams played well, but Greater Lowell was simply better on this day. The teams had squared off twice last season, playing to a 2-2 tie in one of the games, while the Rams pulled out a 1-0 win in the other meeting. Greater Lowell has always fielded a very competitive team, but this year they were a little better than most seasons.

"The last couple of years we played them, they played the type of game where they kind of lobbed the ball over defense and hope to make one play to beat the goalie," Shawsheen coach Doug Michaud said. "But this year their passing was much better and they played really well."

Greater Lowell jumped on the board first, early in the second quarter, before senior forward Maya Dimino tied the score later in the quarter and the teams went to the half deadlocked at 1-1. Greater Lowell would score twice in the third quarter to take a 3-1 lead, forcing the Rams to change their strategy, unsuccessfully, as it turned out.

"We started trying to lob the ball over their defense, but we were hitting it right to their goalie, so we weren't really getting any chances," Michaud said.

Mystic Valley has proven themselves to be a thorn in the side of the Rams over the past few seasons, with every game being a battle, and Monday's clash was no exception, as the teams battled every step of the way on their way to a 1-1 tie. Mystic scored in the second quarter to take a 1-0 lead into the half, but the Rams came back with a goal by Dimino to tie it in the third quarter. Dimino has now scored both Rams goals on the young season after leading the team in scoring last season.

"She is off to a good start. She has always had a good nose for the net," Michaud said. "And she has a lot of patience up there. She will give a nice pass and then she gets it back and she will take a nice shot to score the goal."

Following Dimino's game tying goal, the Rams seemed to dominate play more and more throughout the game, but they could never get the tiebreaking goal despite some great chances, including a great shot by sophomore Kerry Brown which hit the post.

While the offense hasn't quite clicked yet, the Rams have gotten a pair of quality performances in net from seniors Shelby Bourdeau and Isabel Manning, who have split time in net in each game.

Bourdeau has been with the Rams for four seasons, and has been a steady presence with the team, but Manning is new to the varsity squad this season.

"They are both playing well," Michaud said.

"Isabel has been a good goalie the past couple of years with the JV team, but we just haven't had a spot for her on the varsity. But it is great to have her with us this year."

CROSS-COUNTRY

It was a mixed bag of results for the Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Cross Country teams last Saturday afternoon in their season opening meet with Lowell Catholic at Shawsheen, as the Girls squad game away with a 24-35 victory, while the Boys suffered a 21-36 loss.

GIRLS

On the girls side, it was their depth that carried them to victory, as they earned the win despite Lowell Catholic taking the top spot. While Lowell Catholic's Catie Heise finished first in a time of 22:25, the Rams took three of the next four spots, with junior newcomer Devin Sweeney finishing second overall in a time of 24:23, while senior captain Rachael Halas was third overall in a time of 24:30.

Halas is of course well known to Shawsheen fans after dominating over the past couple of seasons, Sweeney is a newcomer to the squad having previously played volleyball for the Rams. With volleyball being moved to the new Fall II season this year, it freed up Sweeney to join the cross country team, and Kelly is happy for his team's good fortune.

"Devin did well. We had heard she was a good runner, so we wanted to see how good she actually was and she was very good," Kelly said. "I don't think she held back, but I think her inexperience held her back a little bit. Once she gets a little bit more experience, I think she will find her comfort zone and her time will come down even more."

Finishing third for the Rams and fifth overall was junior Kaylee Gaffney of Tewksbury, who finished in a time of 26:35.

"Kaylee ran really well today," Kelly said. "I was impressed to see what she could do today."

Rams sophomore Hannah Lyle was sixth overall in a time of 27:02, while another junior and former volleyball player Sandra Watne was eighth overall in a time of 29:35, followed by Emma Dioro (31:11) and Alexis Fox (31:17).

BOYS

The Shawsheen boys team had the misfortune of going up against a very talented Lowell Catholic team, at least at the top of their lineup. While the Rams had some great efforts on the day, they could not keep up with the top three runners in the Lowell Catholic lineup.

LC grabbed the top three spots in the boys race, led by Sean O'Keefe, who finished in a time of 17:26, followed by teammates William Witkos (18:48) and Braden Boucher (19:15).

The Rams then took the next three spots, with senior captain Alex Smith leading the way in a time of 19:37 for fourth place overall finish, followed by fellow senior captain Paul Tower of Tewksbury in a time of 19:54 and junior Joe D'Ampolo of Tewksbury in 19:58.

Lowell Catholic then took the next three spots, before junior Andrew Stokes of Wilmington took tenth overall in a time of 21:07 and senior Damien Hadden of Tewksbury was 11th in 21:12.

"I thought our guys ran very well. We didn't know

what to expect from Lowell Catholic. They clearly have some very good runners, but I was very impressed with our guys," Kelly said. "I thought they ran some impressive times today, and I feel like they are only going to improve. It's early in the season, so we are not sure what to expect, but I thought they looked good out there."

One thing that will certainly help the Rams on both the boys and girls side to improve will be becoming more accustomed to their home course. Shawsheen's home course had to be redesigned this season in order to meet social distancing guidelines, which means the Rams are learning their home course right along with their opponents.

"It is a matter of adjustment because it is a brand new course," Kelly said. "We have really only been practicing for a couple of weeks so they have only seen the course a couple of times, and we have actually had to change the original layout of what we had for the new course because that wasn't going to work either, so not only did they have to learn one course, but they actually had to learn a second course, which is the current course we are running."

Another thing that will help both teams continue to get better will be simply gaining more experience as the shortened season goes on.

"We have a lot of inexperienced kids here and it is just an eye-opening experience for a lot of them," Kelly said. "I don't know how we lose some kids from year to year, but every year it seems like we have a lot of people brand new to running. So, it is a small adjustment for them, and then they start to excel from there."

BOYS SOCCER

The Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer team has had only one game so far this season, but it was one to remember, as the Rams opened their season last Thursday with a 4-2 victory Greater Lowell at Shawsheen. As always, these two teams played a close well matched game. Shawsheen got goals from senior Tyler Archibald, senior Jeremy Perez and two from sophomore Joe Woodward in his first varsity game. Assists went Perez, senior Devin Almeida, senior James Genetti and senior Billy Hartshorn. Seniors Tyler Newhouse and Adam Kearns split time in net to pick up the win for the Rams.

"We did what we needed to do to get the win. It is still a different game with the new Covid rules, but we showed a good understanding of the skills needed," Shawsheen coach Tom Severo said. "We are capable of more as we progress. We made some costly unforced errors that we have to eliminate as we continue."

The Rams do not play again until this Friday, meaning they will have had nine day layoff between games. Severo was hoping his team could use that extra practice time to their advantage.

"The long layoff between games is not ideal, but we are using it to sharpen our game, keeping the ball on the ground, no headers, things like that," Severo said. "The boys are just so happy to be able to play in any form this fall, just as I am to be able to coach. We are doing our best to take advantage of the opportunity."

Back in 1978 the Wildcats gave Methuen the boot in a thriller

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Briggs came on to boot a field goal, but it was nullified by a penalty and the Wildcats clung to their 6-0 lead at halftime.

The Rangers got a big break in the third quarter when a Robarge scamper for a touchdown from five yards out was called back thanks to a penalty. Briggs salvaged that third quarter effort with a 34-yard field goal with 5:50 left in the frame. Moran led that series with some fine inside running.

The Methuen offense got its act together after the ensuing kickoff as the Rangers went on a 10-play drive that was capped by a 12-yard Bradley to Wayne Holden touchdown pass with 2:23 left in the quarter.

The Wildcats took control of the game early in the fourth quarter and managed to drive the ball to the Ranger seven yard

line before the march died.

Methuen drove to the Wilmington 39 before the 'Cats defense rose to the occasion to shut down Bradley and company.

The Wildcats racked up 208 yards of total offense to the Rangers 193. Coach John Ritchie's troops struck for 173 on the ground and 35 through the air, while the visitors managed 114 passing yards and 79 rushing. Wilmington had 12 first downs compared to Methuen's 11.

The tandem of Briggs and Moran was effective throughout the game as they each picked up 76 yards on the ground. Briggs lugged the ball 11 times while Moran had 18 carries on the afternoon.

Robarge connected on 5-of-11 passes with Woods catching one for 15 yards and Briggs a pair for 15.

Oberg has successful surgery; anticipates being ready for Spring Training

FROM B9W

games, was the winning pitcher of a wildcard play-off game, he lived out his dream of performing in front of the home town fans last year at Fenway, and he's been one of the best relief pitchers in baseball.

In 2018 and '19, he combined for a 14-2 record with a 2.35 ERA. Last year, at the incredibly difficult Coors Field, he was 5-0 with a 1.71 ERA with four saves, while not allowing a home run all season.

While he's had tremendous success, he has gone through some set-backs with other injuries before he reached the professional level.

"It's something that I have gone through before," he said. "It's something that I have previously been prepared for and now I'm just doing everything in my power to get back. The feeling may have been different now if I hadn't gone through it already in the past and not fully aware of what my body was going to be feeling like or how long the process was going to take."

"I just feel like as long as I put the work in, continue to lean in on my family, the doctors and everyone else around me that I have, it should be like everything else and I should be able to come out on the other side of this thing as I would like to play for as long as I can."

The 2020 regular season just ended and for the second straight year the Rockies did not make the

playoffs, which came after two straight years of making it and losing in the first round. He said that not being in uniform and making the jog out of the bullpen on a consistent basis was certainly difficult.

"It's tough to watch when I'm at home. Not being able to help and contribute was tough and not being in the clubhouse with the guys. Obviously the silver lining is being at home, but it was kind of tough to watch sometimes," he said. "You know the talent that is in the clubhouse, you know how good the coaching staff is, it's just tough when some guys are banged up, or not everybody has played as consistently as they would have liked too, so it was tough because we didn't get the offense going as much as we would have liked. The bullpen had some inconsistencies. There were some good things that came out of the starting pitchers so that was good to see going forward. We caught the ball really well. I think we were ranked the second best defensive team in the National League."

"I think it's just a matter of putting it all together on a daily basis. The days that they did put it together, they were playing really well and winning those games. It was just a matter of some days where the offense wasn't there and some days the offense would be there and maybe the pitching wasn't there, or whatever the case may

be. That's the trick, getting everyone clicking at the same time."

Oberg, who is also the Rockies' player representative, was asked about this season with MLB playing under different rules due to the pandemic.

"It was different and I didn't really get the full experience of all of it. I didn't get to go on any road trips, or see how much the changes to the daily schedule were affected or what kind of other adjustments needed to be made on a day-to-day basis. I think our team did a really, really good job of adhering the protocols, being smart away from the field as we didn't have any issues. It was good to see guys take it seriously. It probably created some day-to-day difficulty in terms of getting ready as some things weren't available like they were in the past, so you just had to deal with it."

"I was hopeful that the protocols that were in place would get us to the finish line. I think (MLB) was smart enough making some adjustments after the Marlins and Cardinals situations and making sure that they got to the end of the season. It would have been a lot worse if they had to shut the whole thing down. They did some good things. There were a lot of mid-season changes that they had to make and they weren't afraid to make them so they did what they had to do."

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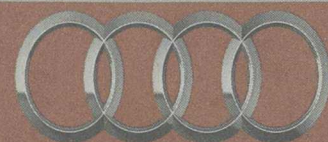
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